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Firemen's strike is expected to be called off tomorrow

Britain's firemen are likely to be back at work next week. Returns from about two-thirds of the 63 fire brigades last night appeared to indicate that the strike will be called off when delegates meet in Bridlington tomorrow. Moderates reckoned cautiously that of the 40,000 card votes, 25,000 were certain to be cast in favour of a return.

Big brigades in North back return

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The firemen's strike appeared last night almost certain to end next week after returns yesterday from the brigades indicated that the recalled union conference in Bridlington tomorrow will vote for a return to work on the employers' pay offer.

With votes from the 63 brigades still coming in, most members of the executive of the Fire Brigades Union, which decided last week by 12 votes to four to recommend acceptance, were remaining cautious.

Delegates representing the biggest brigade in the country, London, after a 10 to two vote yesterday, will cast its members' 6,000 votes against a return to work.

But the indications last night were that the main support for the London firemen would be limited to Merseyside and parts of Scotland, including Strathclyde and Edinburgh.

The most significant returns yesterday came from the metropolitan brigades of Manchester, Tyne and Wear, West Yorkshire and the West Midlands, all of which voted to accept the offer.

Mr Jack Haworth, North-west executive member and the union's vice-president, predicted after the Manchester vote that there would be a full return to work by Monday.

He said: "I told the meeting that we have been on strike for eight weeks and that we have to face the facts that we could not break the 10 per cent limit."

The strike had been successful in getting a promise of a 2-hour week and the future formula for firemen's pay underwritten by the Government. That, he said, was unique in trade unionism.

Delegates from all 63 brigades—the brigades, not the regions, will take the effective decision—are expected to be heavily mandated tomorrow to accept the recommendation of their members.

The delegates vote on a card basis, calculated on the financial membership returns of the union, that gives a total of about 40,000 votes, including those for the 10,000 part-time firemen who are FBU members.

With returns from 31 brigades last night in favour of an end to the strike, some union moderates were calculating that *about 25,000 votes were already* pledged.

Officials, now strongly in favour of a return to work, last night also took comfort from the indications from militant brigades that they would carry out the majority decision.

Mr John Lewis, one of the two London executive members who voted against the recommendation last week, said: "The men are very bitter. There is fear for the future of the fire service."

He added: "If the conference decides to go back to work, then London will abide by that decision."

The bitterness in the mood of the 30,000 full-time firemen who have been on strike was reflected in several brigades which voted to return to work.

Among brigades that had returned votes by last night in favour of a return to work were: West Midlands, Tyne and Wear, Nottinghamshire, Manchester, Northern Ireland, Gwent, Powys, Staffordshire, East Anglia, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Kent, Sussex, Salop, Durham, Lancashire, Carlisle, Avon, Devon, Cornwall, Glamorgan, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Cumbria, Surrey, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire.

Against were: London, Merseyside, Strathclyde, Edinburgh, Lothian and the Borders, Isle of Wight.

Pickets on rampage: Flying pickets from London fire stations yesterday went on the rampage in Hertfordshire after the county's firemen had voted to return to work (Our Luton Correspondent writes). They drove to Potters Bar, Welwyn Garden City and Stevenage, leaving a trail of damage. At Welwyn hydrants were turned on, blue lamps knocked from fire engines, and tyres let down.

The pickets headed for Stevenage. Firemen who had returned to work fled, driving their engines to Stevenage police station for protection. The pickets screamed abuse at the working firemen, and a fire officer who arrived at the police station was threatened. Later the police calmed the pickets.

Hertfordshire police said: "These men were acting like hooligans."

Chief Superintendent John *Kirkpatrick, Stevenage divisional commander, said:* "The pickets were trying to persuade the firemen to continue their strike. They calmed down after we talked to them."

Later about forty pickets were on duty at Stevenage police station, with another 15 at the town's fire station.

Hertfordshire County Council said: "These are not local firemen. Some may not be firemen."

Smoke bomb: At Woburn Abbey fire station, Essex, striking firemen hurled a smoke bomb and shattered glass in the front door. The action was cheered by a 150-strong mass picket. The station has had several mass pickets since 10 non-union firemen returned to work at Christmas.

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Benefits of the Liberal-Labour agreement will be extolled in political broadcast

Mr Steel stakes party leadership on appeal to electorate

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, whose pact with Mr Callaghan is under sore attack within his party, is to stake his party leadership in an appeal to the electorate tomorrow night.

He will use one of the Liberals' three annual party political broadcasts, televised at 9 pm on all three channels, to preach the steadying benefits he believes Liberal parliamentary support for the Government has brought to the country. It will be Mr Steel's first solo appearance in this form before such a potentially large viewing audience.

If present thinking holds, he will not directly mention the nuisance of the party's special assembly called for January 21 in Blackpool specifically to debate the ending of the pact, but no doubt he will again make clear his defiance. He will *express determination that the* pact must go on until the next election, at which time the economic improvements secured for Britain must be seen to rebound in part to the Liberals.

The use of graphic illustrations is planned to accompany Mr Steel's presentation. And clearly his friends are staking much on his performance and its reception to sway those attending the Blackpool assembly and counter the impression that irresponsibility and unpredictability have again overtaken the Liberals.

Mr Steel's friends have been belatedly resorting to their own opinion polls on Mr Callaghan's advice, it seems. Extrapolation of underlying opinion poll findings and subsequent interviews are said to persuade them that the consistent trend is more favourable to them than it appears.

The point that majorities believe that the pact has been a good thing for the country must be translatable, Mr Steel is convinced, into specific advantage for the Liberals when electors have the chance to reflect. That will be part of tomorrow night's message.

One of Mr Steel's difficulties is that there is little by the way of objective evidence in the offing to buttress this conviction. No by-election result has been to Liberal's liking—unless it was Saffron Walden. Ilford, North, promises naught. Even the promised Green Paper on workers' profit-sharing (dear to Liberal hearts) will not come in time for the January 21 assembly. But it is now expected by the end of this month and ultimately to be part of the Budget, which would be depicted as a significant achievement. So would a lowering of standard income tax rates if the Liberals could be granted any credit.

Mr Steel met the party's policy-making standing committee last night to make clear again that he will campaign for the special assembly to amend its proposed resolution, so that all mention of ending the pact is removed.



Child victims of war: Vietnamese children, wounded in the fighting along the Cambodian frontier, recovering in a makeshift hospital in Tay Ninh province. The Parrot's Beak, the Cambodian territory jutting into Tay Ninh, was reported quiet yesterday after being the main scene of fighting in the past few weeks. But Phnom Penh radio said Vietnamese troops had driven into Ratanakiri, the most northerly province along Cambodia's frontier with Vietnam, and clashes had occurred north of Snuol. It was through the jungle mountains of Ratanakiri that the Vietnamese once funnelled men and supplies along the Ho Chi Minh trail to fight the Americans in central and southern Vietnam. Ratanakiri is the only frontier province not hitherto invaded by Vietnamese troops during the current warfare. Diplomats in Bangkok said yesterday that along the rest of the frontier the Vietnames had now gone as far as they wanted to in most sectors and were presumably sealing off Cambodian roads to keep their enemy away from the frontier. This interpretation would tally with Phnom Penh radio claims yesterday that "the Vietnamese invaders have been forced to dig trenches". Thai intelligence sources confirm that the Vietnamese have set up local administrations in occupied territory, using friendly Cambodian officials. There is little doubt that the Cambodians have suffered a bloody defeat and that their radio claims have been made solely in an effort to boost flagging morale. The powerful Vietnamese armed forces, strengthened by captured American weapons and aircraft, were always superior. Two versions of war, page 7.

Mr Lynch is surprised at response to remarks

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Mr Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister, replied strongly last night to British and Northern Irish criticism of his controversial remarks last Sunday about Ulster.

He said in a statement that the response to the "straightforward and factual answers" he gave to questions in a radio interview was "surprising and unexpected".

Much of the statement was taken up with quotations from the communiqué issued after the London summit in September and Mr Lynch's report to the Irish Parliament. When the details and remarks by Mr FitzGerald, the Irish opposition leader, were published three months ago, Mr Lynch maintained, there had been no such outcry as had been heard in the past few days.

On his remark about a possible amnesty for the Provisional IRA, Mr Lynch stated:

"I made it clear to the radio interviewer that I was dealing with a hypothetical question and emphasized that an amnesty or mitigation of sentences could be considered by the government of the day exercising their collective responsibility only in circumstances when violence and hostilities ceased and were not likely to break out afterwards.

"I want to emphasize that my Government has given no consideration to an amnesty

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Journalists call off strike after 32 weeks

By Christopher Thomas

More than a hundred journalists employed by North of England Newspapers, part of the Westminster Press group, yesterday called off their 32-week strike for a National Union of Journalists closed shop.

The longest stoppage in the union's history has cost it more than £100,000 and soured relations with the printing unions. Mr Nicholas Herbert, editorial director of Westminster Press, said last night that the journalists recognized that they had not obtained an editorial closed shop, to which the group was totally opposed.

The strike was an important test case for the future of *editorial closed shops, which are* resisted by most managements because, it is argued, they would infringe press freedom. The NUJ continues to maintain that closed shops are the only way of improving the pay and conditions of provincial journalists.

The beginning of the end came last month when printing unions, dissatisfied with the way the strike was handled, returned to work after supporting the journalists for four months. Several newspapers, including the daily *Northern Echo*, were published with the use of non-NUJ editorial staff.

The joint chapels (NUJ office sections) of North of England newspapers voted by 85 to five with five abstentions to return to work on Monday. An emergency NUJ executive meeting will ratify the decision on Friday.

The strikers will receive an immediate interim productivity deal based on the number of unfilled journalists' jobs, believed to be about 18. The payments will be reviewed monthly and as vacancies are filled the productivity bonuses will be progressively reduced.

Expense allowances are to be nearly increased and holiday pay during the stoppage will be given. Mr Herbert said last night that he thought the productivity deal might be worth about 6.5 per cent.

In future recruitment of staff, the ratio of NUJ to non-NUJ members will be maintained for a year from the return to work, unless Parliament approves a press charter. The NUJ has a 62 per cent membership at North of England Newspapers.

The journalists say the decision to return to work means that they have effectively achieved their closed-shop claim for a year in return for substantial improvements in pay and conditions. Both parties accepted a new pay bands which the management said last night could not operate until the incomes policy allowed them.

30% claim may affect petrol

More than 2,000 tanker drivers employed by BP are to take industrial action to support a 30 per cent pay claim after rejecting a company offer of 10 per cent. The men's action, approved at a delegate meeting, involves a ban on overtime and rest-day working. They say it will disrupt supplies of oil, petrol, tar and chemicals. Power stations and airports as well as filling stations are expected to be hard hit from February. Drivers employed by Shell, Esso, and Texaco may decide on similar action later this month

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Living standards rise for first time in a year

Living standards in Britain rose last autumn for the first time in a year. A fall in income tax and a slowdown in inflation led to the rise, which comes as a welcome sign that Britain has turned the corner after a fall of nearly 7 per cent in *real incomes since 1974*

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Transplant guidance

Guidance for doctors on the removal of organs for transplant is being considered by the Department of Health and Social Security. That is disclosed in a letter to hospital doctors about diagnosing brain death. The letter emphasizes that the decision to switch off a machine sustaining breathing and heartbeat must be reached independently of any transplant consideration

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£135,000 dolls' house

Titania's Palace, a vast dolls' house created by Sir Neville Wilkinson between 1907 and 1922, was sold at Christie's for £135,000. It contains many precious miniature antiques and once travelled the world raising funds for children's charities. It was bought by a London dealer on behalf of a European client

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Whatsisname defence

A young woman conveyancing assistant in a City of London firm of solicitors told Worcester magistrates that she had not been trained by a solicitor but had gained her knowledge at evening classes. She was described by Mr Whatsisname (formerly Reynolds), the defendant, as a "tool of the Law Society"

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Soyuz crews aim for first space double

Two Soviet cosmonauts launched into orbit on board a Soyuz space ferry yesterday are to attempt to complete the first double docking with a space laboratory today, Tass announced. The Soyuz 27 crew aim to link up with the Salyut 6 station, already manned by the crew of Soyuz 26, who docked on December 10. Salyut, unlike previous Soviet and American orbital stations, has two docking ports. It is not known how long the four men plan to stay in space

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US concern over Italy

Mr Richard Gardner, the American Ambassador to Rome, has flown to Washington for consultations as concern mounts in the United States over Communist pressure for more power in governing Italy. The Communists, backed by some other leftist parties, want a new multi-party government to tackle the country's economic problems as well as the rising tide of extremist violence

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Callaghan rural visit

Mr Callaghan visited a rural village at the end of a crowded day's schedule before leaving for Bombay, the last stop on his Indian tour. But earlier, a speech at the University of Ahmedabad on the ties between Britain and India proved more eloquent than Mr Callaghan's set piece before the Indian Parliament

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Record fee for Souness

Graeme Souness, Middlesbrough's 24-year-old Scottish international, signed for Liverpool yesterday for an English record fee of £352,000. Souness, a midfield player, hopes the move will secure him a place in Scotland's World Cup team for Argentina. The deal was worth £2,000 more than the record established last Friday when Joe Jordan left Leeds for Manchester United

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Mr Nkomo considers British invitation

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

An invitation from Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, to the leaders of the Patriotic Front, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, for talks on Rhodesia, is still being considered, Mr Nkomo said yesterday.

The invitation was first made early in December and renewed shortly before Christmas. The original idea was for talks on ceasefire arrangements in Rhodesia to be held in Malta, but for various reasons, including the reluctance of Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, to join in, the plan fell through.

Dr Owen's present hope is to review the situation in Rhodesia with the Patriotic Front, whom he regards as an essential partner in any kind of settlement that may emerge. The time and place of the *suggested meeting remain open*, but Dr Owen, who returns to the Foreign Office tomorrow after a holiday in Kenya, would naturally enough prefer London.

At a press conference in Lusaka, his headquarters, Mr Nkomo said yesterday that the Anglo-American settlement proposals could be revived if Dr Owen did certain things to breathe life into them. "We are trying to discover whether it is worthwhile talking to him", he added.

Mr Nkomo also took the opportunity to make a bitter attack on the Rhodesian nationalists who are now negotiating a so-called "internal settlement" with Mr Smith in Salisbury. Forecasting a guerrilla victory against the Smith forces this year, Mr Nkomo declared: "We have set ourselves to fight for a free Zimbabwe and we shall fight until we have concluded, finished the reactionary regime, whether it gives a white face or black face."

They were not fighting for elections, Mr Nkomo added; they were fighting for liberation. The elections, which the liberation forces claimed the right to supervise, would come as a result of liberation, not as a means to achieve it.

Accusing Bishop Muzorewa and other black leaders of conspiring with Mr Smith over the incursions by Rhodesian forces into Mozambique at the end of last year, Mr Nkomo claimed that these leaders had demanded proof of the white regime's strength to defend an internal settlement.

Lord Carver, British Commissioner-designate for Rhodesia, returned to London yesterday after his talks in Mozambique, which he described as very successful.

Our Salisbury Correspondent writes: The talks continued today at heads of delegation level. For the second day running Mr Smith, Bishop Abel Muzorewa of the United African National Council, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole of the ANC (Sithole) and Chief Jeremiah Chirau of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization met at Mr Smith's official residence. Today's session lasted 90 minutes and it is believed that a compromise solution may be in sight.

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20 black barristers to boycott 'race' judge

By a Staff Reporter

A group of 20 Afro-Asian and Caribbean barristers announced last night that they would refuse to conduct cases before Judge Mcinnon, QC, because of remarks he made in his summing-up of a race relations case last week. They called on the Lord Chancellor to remove him from office.

The judge had "shaken the confidence and trust of the black communities of England", the barristers said. If he apologized they would reconsider their position.

The barristers called on the Senate of the Inns of Court and Bar Council to support their action, on the ground that there should be no division in the Bar over colour.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, told a deputation of Labour MPs last night that he would make a statement later on the case of Judge McKinnon, (our Political Staff writes.

The Lord Chancellor's Office made clear, however, that Lord Elwyn-Jones was still awaiting the full transcript of the trial proceedings from the printers.

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Radical changes in road planning are proposed

By Michael Baily

Official estimates of the total number of cars in Britain in the year 2000 were reduced by nearly a fifth yesterday after publication of the Leitch committee's report which criticized present forecasting methods.

The new low-growth estimate is 20,600,000 cars by the turn of the century, compared with 24,200,000 in the last official estimate in February, 1975. The new high-growth estimate is 24,500,000, compared with 25,200,000.

The figures, prepared by the Department of Transport for local authority guidance, assume that car prices will remain stable until 2000, that real incomes will approximately double, and that real oil prices will double or treble.

The report, which proposes radical changes in methods of traffic forecasting and assessing road schemes, was welcomed by Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, as "most valuable". His promise that it will have an immediate influence on the department will be welcomed by motorway protesters such as those at Winchester and Birmingham, who hope it will encourage more modest solutions.

Mr Rodgers, agreeing to the immediate establishment, with Sir George Leitch as chairman, of the standing advisory committee on trunk road procedures recommended by the committee, said the report marked an important stage in the development of Britain's road programme. Ministers must have the best available means to enable them to make decisions and to win public acceptance of them, he said.

"I do not want my department just to build roads—any roads. My task is to build the right roads with the right standards in the right place at the right time."

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Petrol shortage likely as BP drivers press for £90 wage

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Petrol shortages at BP filling stations from February 1 seemed likely yesterday when the company's tanker drivers voted to reject a 10 per cent pay offer and to impose a ban on overtime and rest-day working.

The men are seeking rises of about 30 per cent to lift their basic wage to £90 a week. They expect drivers employed by Shell, Esso and Texaco to follow their lead at shop stewards' conferences later this month.

The 68 delegates who made the decision at a conference in London yesterday are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, which does not accept the Government's wage limitations policy. They unanimously rejected BP's offer and agreed to continue sanctions against carrying a full load in the company's new high-capacity tankers.

The drivers say their action will disrupt supplies of oil, petrol, tar and chemicals. Power stations and airports will be particularly affected, they say.

About 10,000 tanker drivers employed by the big oil companies may be drawn into the pay dispute, which the companies have feared for several months. The drivers' weekly earnings are made up to about £100 a week by overtime, but they are insisting on more basic pay to cut out extra working.

An ominous feature of the dispute is that the drivers rejected a self-financing productivity deal. This gateway for higher pay, acceptable to the Cabinet and the TUC, has been used recently by seamen, Merchant Navy officers, miners, electrical contracting workers and journalists.

Union delegates representing the 2,200 BP drivers voted not to return to the bargaining table unless the company improves its offer. But BP, which is partly state-owned, will not be allowed to breach government guidelines, and any hint that it would do so would bring swift retaliation in the form of ministerial sanctions.

A national strike by tanker drivers was discussed yesterday but that option was set aside for the time being. In pay *developments elsewhere* in the private sector, lorry drivers in various parts of the country have succeeded in breaching the Cabinet guidelines.

BP said last night that it had had only an oral reply to its pay offer. Time still remained for both sides to discuss the issue before the normal negotiating procedure was exhausted. "We hope that our employees *will accept that we have no* option but to honour the Government's guidelines."

Cabinet not united on future of pay policy

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Mr Michael Foot, deputizing for Mr Callaghan at question time in the Commons yesterday, left MPs in no doubt that, whatever the impression given in ministerial speeches over the Christmas recess, the Cabinet is not fully united over the future of pay policy.

In the past few weeks the Prime Minister, Mr Healey, Mr Barnett, the Chief Secretary to *the Treasury, and other Cabi*net ministers have suggested that a permanent pay policy was well on its way, with phase four guidelines in the region of 5 per cent.

It was beginning to look as though only a few kind smiles from Mr Len Murray were needed and Mr Callaghan would be announcing another mircale.

But yesterday Mr Foot had his chance to throw some cold water on this happy scenario.

Although Mr Foot turned his replies into rejection of "statutory" income policies, reading between the lines it was clear that statutory policies were not his only concern.

Challenged by Mr Heffer, Labour MP for Liverpool, Walton, to explain what the Chancellor meant by talk of a stage four and a possible statutory policy for the future, Mr Foot appeared unusually flustered.

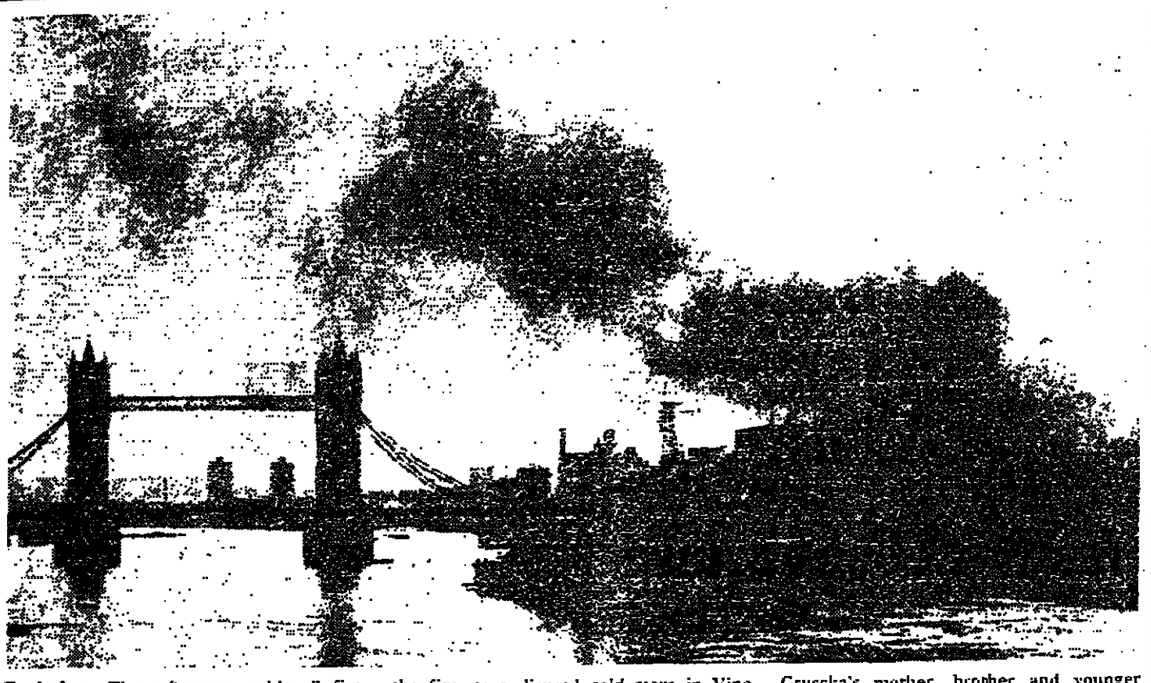
"That does not mean the Government is seeking to commit itself in any sense whatever on any future date to any form of statutory incomes policy", he replied. "We are opposed to a statutory policy."

Earlier Mr Foot told Mr Skinner, one of Labour's most militant opponents of pay policies, that he would much prefer to agree with him than with Mrs Thatcher. Mr Foot added that he still held to the views he had always held on those matters.

The Government, he added, had always said it believed in an orderly return to free collective bargaining. The agreements made over the past six months could be of assistance in that return.

There was considerable time for the Government and the TUC to discuss a common approach. Mr Foot said the Chancellor was merely Speaking about the discussions that ought to take place in preparation for future policies.

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Explosion: Three "green goddess" fire engines were buried in rubble yesterday when all six floors of this blazing building in Southwark, London, collapsed after an explosion. One RAF firefighter injured a hand and two other men were overcome by smoke.
Fifteen appliances were called to fight the fire, at a disused cold store in Vine Lane, on the south bank of the Thames. The explosion occured after an ammonia leak.
In another outbreak, Mrs Pauletter Gruscka, aged 23, and her daugher, Melanie, aged six, died at their home near Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Mrs Gruscka's mother, brother and younger daughter were rescued
Mrs Janet Murray, a widow, aged 89, died after being overcome by smoke when fire broke out in her top-storey flat at Hawick, Borders. Striking firemen responded to a special police call and helped a naval fire crew tackle the blaze.

Defendant calls witness 'tool of Law Society'

From Arthur Osman
Worcester

A young woman conveyar ing assistant in a firm solicitors in the City of Lond said at Worcester Magistrat Court yesterday that she h not been trained bya solici but had gained her knowled at evening classes. At one sta she was described by t defendant as "merely the t of the Law Society".

Miss Elaine Cullen, w works for Durrant Piesse, Cheapside, was questioned Francis Whatsisname (forme Reynolds), of Hylton Ro Worcester, the defendant in private prosecution brought the Law Society. He has deni six summonses alleging that prepared documents for hot purchase conveyancing withc proper qualifications, contra to the Solicitors Act, 1974.

Mr Alistair Hill, counsel f the Law Society, has accept that the defendant did not conveyancing work for perso gain. At one point yesterday Whatsisname said: "I am victim of a vindictive prose tion by the Law Society." changed his surname months ago after the L Society's advertising campa gave the advise: "Don't lis to Mr Whatsisname, see solicitor."

Miss Cullen said she was n an associate of the Institute Legal Executives. She gave dence about her part in conveyancing of a property Mottingham, London, in wh her company acted for vendor, and said she advised by the legal execut who was her immediate pri pal to approach the Law Soci "on the matter of correct p cedure on completion".

The Property Transfer A ciation, of which the defend is a founder member, acted the purchaser. The defend a lecturer in law at Birmingh Polytechnic who has a degree, is an "honorary con ancer" for the association.

Miss Cullen said she was that her society had issued erature on how to handle perty associations and firmed that the deeds in transaction could not be han over to the association.

Mr Whatsisname sa "There was a mortgage invol so there was no question handing over the deeds to association."

Later Miss Cullen agreed the transaction with the a ciation had not been "bungle in any way and was done efficiently as other sim transactions.

Mr Whatsisname said: " had thought they (the asso tion) were a shower of cha tans, fly-by-nights?" M Cullen replied: "I did not that." She agreed that she not a solicitor.

Mr Whatsisname: Do think you have to be a solici to draft a conveyance?

Miss Cullen: I do not kn

Mr Whatsisname: You not a solicitor?—No.

Yet you draft conveyan and you are confident that th are all right because you h been doing it all this time doing it competently?—Yes.

The hearing continues tod

Increases of 12½% sought for 470,000 teachers

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Representatives of the 470,000 teachers in England and Wales agreed yesterday to apply for a pay rise from April 1 of 12.5 per cent for everyone, and the restoration of pay increases lost by those with salaries exceeding £8,500 during the period of government pay policy.

Mr Fred Jarvis, leader of the teachers' panel of the Burnham Committee, the teachers' national negotiating body, and general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, the largest of the teachers' unions, said that yesterday's meeting of the teachers' panel had been very constructive and amicable.

The teachers' claim, which will be put to the employers at the full meeting of the Burnham Committee on January 20, will maintain differentials between different teaching scale posts but, except for those earning above £8,500, will do nothing to restore the differentials that existed before the introduction of the pay policy, and which, since then, have been eroded mainly by flat-rate pay increases.

The National Union of Teachers, which represents half of all serving teachers but which appoints 16 of the 28 members on the Burnham teachers' panel, agreed that this year it would press for a common percentage increase for all teachers. But other unions, such as the National Association of Head Teachers and the Assistant Masters Association, wanted a restoration of differentials for senior career teachers.

Mr Jarvis said that in addition to the 12.5 per cent increase and the restoration of pay increases lost by those affected by the £8,500 earnings limit the teachers' panel would be seeking protection against any increase in inflation and the removal of the pay anomalies that arose out of the Houghton report on teachers' salaries.

The teachers' claim exceeds the Government's 10 per cent pay limit. Mr Jarvis said, however, that it was "in line with what many other groups have received".

Television dispute may widen

By Kenneth Gosling

An extension of the dispute affecting members of the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs employed by BBC Television was threatened yesterday after a withdrawal of labour that resulted in several programme cancellations on Monday.

So far 121 staff have been suspended, most for action in breach of contract. The original suspensions of 21 engineers, were for not working to schedule.

In a notice to staff yesterday the BBC said it had been told that the union had instructed its members in other television branches to withdraw their labour "in certain specified circumstances".

Any such action, the corporation said, would have to be viewed as being of the same nature as that which led to the original suspensions.

The BBC had sought talks with the union aimed at renegotiating members' hours of work. The dispute is over payment for hours worked after midnight and before 8 am. It has lasted for two months.

London accidents

There was a 17 per cent rise in accidents in the West End of London last year compared with an increase of 4 per cent over Greater London as a whole.

New rate grant 'may hit schools'

By Our Education Correspondent

The education service provided by many authorities might deteriorate as a result of the Government's rate-support grant settlement for the coming financial year, the Association of County Councils has warned the Government.

Representatives of the association met Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr Barnett, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, on Monday to discuss their members' concern about what they regardede as "misleading statements" after the announcement last November of the Government's rate-support grant settlement.

Mrs Williams said at that time that if local authorities so chose the settlement would enable them to make a small increase in expenditure compared with the amount the Goverument estimated they were spending in the present financial year.

The settlement would provide a basis for restoring some parts of the service that had *suffered from cuts in the past* and for maintaining standards in other areas, she said.

The association pointed out to Mrs Williams during their meeting on Monday that the distribution of the settlement means that some authorities, especially those with inner-city areas, have done better than others. Forty-five out of the 47 county councils in England and *Wales were "losers" in that* they were to receive a smaller share of the total grant, many of them for the third year running, the association said.

Many county authorities were faced with the choice either of making further cuts in the education service, which most of them regarded as undesirable, or of raiding their balances again, if they were available, and levying rates in excess of the Government's average single-figure recommendation.

In a statement issued yesterday Mr John Horrell, chairman of the association's education committee, said Mrs Williams had now agreed that while the overall picture indicated a small improvement for the education service as a whole, some authorities had benefited *little if at all from the settle*ment.

Left objects to rise in defence costs

By Our Political Reporter

Labour's left wing reacted strongly yesterday to reports forecasting that this week's White Paper will show a 3 per cent increase in defence spending.

The party's international committee demanded an immediate meeting between the national executive committee and the Cabinet to discuss arms policy. A resolution urged the Govern*ment to "drop this proposal* and instead to carry out its pledge at the last general election that it would reduce the proportion of our resources devoted to arms to thelevel of the other European Nato governments".

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East), a member of the committee, asked Mr Foot, Leader of the House, whether Cabinet ministers remembered their pledge to the electorate. Mr Foot replied that Mr Allaun should await the defence White Paper and se all its aspects before making up his mind on it.

The committee also strongly opposed the £40m supply of arms to Egypt, recently negotiated. The opposition was expressed "particularly when vital peace negotiations are taking place".

Objection was made also to the proposal to set up an indigenous arms industry in the Arab countries. The resolution called on the national executive to urge the Government to ban all arms sales to the Arab nations and Israel.

From the Liberal side, Mr *Emlyn Hooson*, spokesman on defence, welcomed the announcement that the defence budget was to rise by 3 per cent in real terms in 1979-80.

He said: "Strong representations have been made by the Liberals to the Government on defence matters and this has been one of the greatest sources of disagreements during the Lib-Lab pact. This announcement does much to remove the cause of that particular disagreement."

Mr Lynch 'said nothing new' on power-sharing

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for anyone, especially for those who have been convicted of crimes of violence against the people or offences against the state. The Government are committed to pursuing to the fullest possible extent those who engage in violence or other activities for illegal or subversive purposes."

In Irish political circles Mr Lynch's unexpected decision to amplify his original views on the Ulster situation was taken to reflect his own and his ministers' resentment against the criticism of him

The long statement was issued a few hours after a Dublin Cabinet meeting had discussed the furore in Belfast and London after the Irish radio broadcast.

*The first response from politi*cal observers in Belfast was that Mr Lynch's latest statement was unlikely to abate Protestant anger in Ulster. His clarification of his earlier remarks showed little remorse or retraction and was regarded as likely to pose further difficulties for Anglo-Irish relations. They will again come under stress next week, when a final verdict on the bitterly contested human rights case between the two governments is announced in Strasbourg.

Mr Lynch stated: "On power-sharing I said nothing new or nothing that did not reflect the stated policies of British governments and oppositions over the past five years and the policies of the Fianna Fail and coalition governments in the same period."

"To reiterate what is factual and truthful is apparently considered unhelpful. I consider that to be helpful in the situation that obtains in Northern Ireland is to keep it in proper perspective.

"I agree with the view expressed by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Mason, that at last year's meeting between Mr Callaghan and myself each government's position was established. Mr Callaghan and Mr Mason frequently state their government's position. In my interview on Sunday I was reiterating my *government's position. To paper* over cracks can cause them to become chasms.

"I was being factual when I said in the radio interview that at my meeting on September 29 with Mr Callaghan I got from him 'a firm undertaking that there would be no devolved government [in Ulster] without power-sharing'."

Mr Lynch's original remarks about the British Government's position on power-sharing caused the Official Unionists and, later, Mr Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, to withdraw from the latest round of Stormont talks.

France breaking EEC rules, Britain says

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Britain told the EEC Commission yesterday that France was breaking EEC rules by taxing imports of lamb from Britain but not from the Irish Republic. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that France was using a "national protective arrangement" to manipulate the lamb market.

It invoked article 169 of the Treaty of Rome, which enables the commission to decide whether "a member state has failed to fulfil any of its obligations under this treaty". If the commission finds against such a country it can order a deadline for it to change its trading practices. If that is not met the country can be taken before the European Court of Justice.

The ministry told the commission that the French action was "a discriminatory step *which is totally unacceptable*".

It is one of the few issues on which the policies of the farming unions and of Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, coincide. The unions want to take advantage of the French market, where prices are two thirds higher than in Britain, on the same terms as their Irish competitors. Mr Silkin wants to take full advantage of any breach of *the rules by other member* states to dilute the effect of criticism of Britain.

France and Ireland will defend their tax-free arrangement by saying that Britain has been allowed to evade its obligations under the Treaty of Rome without going through the acticle 169 procedure.

MPs call on Mr Varley to publish his correspondence with British Steel

By Our Political Editor

Members of the Commons Select Committee on Nationalized Industries are to table an early day motion today seeking *to oblige Mr Varley, Secretary* of State for Industry, to submit to the House "all papers relating to the future prospects for the British Steel Corporation" which he has exchanged with the corporation since January 1, 1976.

The motion, to be announced at a news conference with publication of two committee reports on British Steel, amounts to only a protest at this stage. Unless it can be brought before the House, no action ensues.

But the committee, furious at what it regards as misleading Government and Corporation evidence over the true nature and length of the current production and losses crisis, is counting on building up backbench pressure.

Mr Foot, Leader of the House, will no doubt ask the House to await the promised government statement on BSC before holding a debate. Even then, it is still not clear how a vote could be arranged on the motion to compel production of hitherto secret correspondence in defiance of the Government.

But procedures are being sought, and an all-party backbench revolt similar to that which compelled the Government to conduct its inquiry into the Crown Agents in public, rather than in secret, is not ruled out.

The Speaker ruled yesterday that pre-publication disclosure *in The Observer last Sunday* of parts of the committee's reports had not been contempt of the House on the technicality that the report had already been presented to the House.

But he strongly deprecated what he called the inconvenience and discourtesy shown to the House.

Mr John Ellis, Labour MP for Brigg and Scunthorpe, had raised the issue, arguing that MPs had been inconvenienced at home by press inquires.

High Court will ease aggrieved person's plea

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

A new procedure to make it easier for an aggrieved citizen to challenge the acts of public bodies, tribunals and certain courts comes into force today.

Instead of a person having to choose between applications to the High Court, each with its own rules and procedures, it will be possible to apply to that court for "judicial review".

Under that heading the court may grant any of the prerogative orders—mandamus, certiorari, and prohibition—an injunction or a declaration of rights, and, if appropriate, damages.

Hitherto an application brought under the wrong heading would have been refused, even if the person concerned had a valid remedy under a different procedure. Now the court will be able to steer the application into the appropriate legal framework and grant the individual whatever relief he is entitled to.

Although the new procedure, which was proposed by the Law Commission in 1976, confers no additional rights in law, it should have the effect of persuading people who have been put off by the complexities and uncertainty of the previous rules to bring their claims forward.

Mandamus is an order (made by the Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench Division) commanding a public body to carry out its statutory duty when it had failed or neglected to do so; certiorari is an order quashing the decision of a body exercising judicial functions which has exceeded or wrongly used its legal powers; prohibition is an order forbidding a tribunal or magistrates' court from continuing proceedings that it is not entitled to conduct.

Artists back plea to keep poets' papers in Britain

From Our Correspondent
Grasmere

Artists, musicians and poets have offered their services free to the trustees of Dove Cottage, Grasmere, to help them to raise enough money to keep newly discovered Wordsworth and Coleridge manuscripts in this country. Dr Robert Woof, *secretary of the trustees, said* yesterday that the volunteers would appear in the Round House, London, early next month.

People have also sent books and manuscripts to sell in response to the trustees' call.

The appeal has so far raised £21,000, half the sum needed, but Dr Woof is hopeful that the full amount, £42,000, will be raised by February 5, when the export licence revocation order which has postponed export of the manuscript to America.

"If we do not raise the full amount by that date we will be able to bridge the gap from our own resources," Dr Woof said.

Dead workers are named

Four men who died after a lift shaft accident at a power station site near Dartford, Kent, on Monday were named yesterday as Mr Gerald Larkin, aged 27, Rippon Road, Tottenham, London; Mr Robert Read, aged 39, Springfield Way, Seabrook, Hythe, Kent; Mr Brian Armitage, aged 30, Warren Road, Bexleyheath; and Mr Trevor White, aged 28, Oaklands Road, Bexleyheath.

Police interview Norman Scott

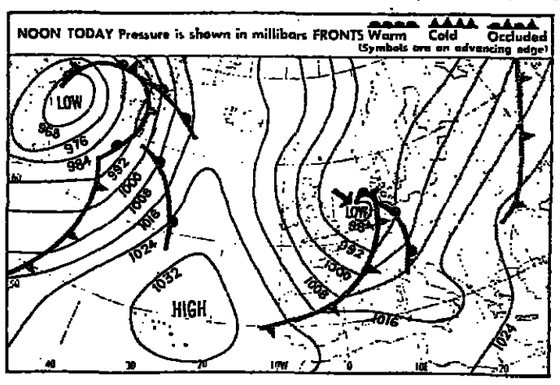
Norman Scott was interviewed by detectives on Monday about an alleged conspiracy to murder him, it was disclosed yesterday.

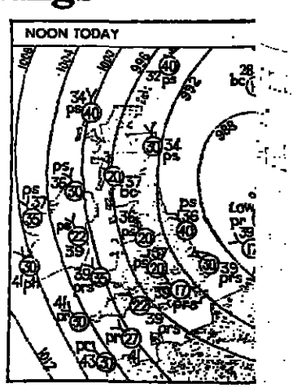
Mr Scott, who maintains that he had an affair with Mr Thorpe, the former Liberal *leader, an allegation that Mr* Thorpe denies, was interviewed at his home at Chagford, Devon, where he lives with his girl friend and their daughter.

Death inquiry refused

The Home Secretary yesterday rejected an appeal for a public inquiry into the death of Mr Liddle Towers in 1976 after his arrest.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.3 am Sun sets: 4.15 pm
Moon rises: 9.6 am Moon sets: 7.47 pm
First quarter: January 16.
Lighting up: 4.45 pm to 7.32 am.
High water: London Bridge, 3.0 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 3.27 pm, 7.5m (24.8ft). Avonmouth, 8.40 am, 14.3m (46.8ft); 9.2 pm, 13.9m (45.5ft). Dover, 12.22 pm, 7.0m (23.0ft). Hull, 7.37 am, 7.6m (25.1ft); 7.45 pm, 7.8m (25.7ft). Liverpool, 12.30 am, 9.6m (31.6ft); 12.40 pm, 10.0m (32.9ft).

There will be a cold N airstream over much of the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, central S and SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny periods, scattered wintry showers, dying out later; wind NW, fresh or strong; max temp 3°-4°C (37°-39°F).
East Anglia, E. central N and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Rather cloudy, bright intervals, occasional sleet or snow showers, some heavy; wind N, strong to gale; max temp 2°-3°C (36°-37°F).
Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Sunny intervals, occasional sleet or snow showers, some heavy; wind N strong to gale: max temp 3°C (37°F).
Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Frequent sleet or showers, occasionally heavy: wind N strong to gale; max temp 1-2°C (34°-36°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Continuing cold, becoming mainly dry, overnight frust.
Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind W veering NW, fresh or strong, increasing to gale at times; sea rough.

Strait of Dover, English Chann (E): Wind W or NW, strong t gale: sea very rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea Wind NW, strong to severe gale sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 6 pm to am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity 6 pm 76 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.6 h Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,006. millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow

		°C	°F			°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	c	13	55	Cardiff Wall	f	7	45	Jersey	r	7	45
Alderney	r	8	46	Cologne	f	9	48	L Palmas	s	20	68
Amsterdam	f	6	43	Copenhagen	f	5	41	Lisbon	s	18	64
Athens	s	18	64	Dublin	f	5	41	Locarno	s	3	37
Barcelona	s	11	52	Edinburgh	c	6	43	London	f	6	43
Beirut	c	14	57	Florence	s	9	48	Luxemburg	c	4	39
Belfast	sl	1	34	Funchal	f	18	64	Rome	c	10	50
Berlin	c	4	39	Geneva	c	1	34	Guernsey	r	8	46
Biarritz	c	12	54	Gibraltar	c	16	61	Madrid	s	6	43
Birmingham	f	8	46	Guernsey	f	7	45	Majorca	r	12	54
Bristol	f	8	46	Helsinki	sn	0	32	Malaga	f	16	61
Brussels	s	6	43	Innsbruck	f	—1	30	Malta	s	17	63
Budapest	sn	—5	23	Istanbul	r	4	39	Menorca	r	11	52
								Manchester	c	4	39
								Moscow	s	—1	30
								Munich	r	4	39
								Naples	f	18	64
								Nice	s	12	54
								Oslo	s	0	32
								Paris	s	9	48
								Reykjavik	f	—1	30
								Rome	c	10	50
								Scarborough	r	5	41
								Stockholm	sl	2	36
								Tel Aviv	f	11	52
								Venice	r	1	34
								Vienna	r	—2	28
								Warsaw	sn	—1	30
								Zurich	sn	1	34

b—blue sky; bc—half cloudy; c—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzl h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow th—thunderstorm; p—showery; pp—periodical rain with snow.

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Fr 25 (c.s.p. Fr 20); Denmark, Dkr 2 Finland, Fmk 5.25; France, Frs 2.90 (inc TVA); Germany, Dmk 2.50; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 2.00 Jamaica, $1.75; Italy, Lire 700 Luxembourg, Lf 25; Madeira, Es 22.50; Malta, 5c; Norway, Kr 4.50 Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Pes 60 Sweden, Skr 4.25; Switzerland, Sf 2.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia Din 24.

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Fedorowicz has winning chance against leader

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

The leader in the Premier chess tournament at Hastings, the grandmaster, Sax, seemed to have overreached himself in round 12 in his game against Fedorowicz, which was adjourned with Fedorowicz having good winning chances. Hort and Petrosian made no attempt to overhaul him, but were happy to draw a brief game in 11 moves.

Mestel, however, fought hard to get an advantage against Kagan. On adjournment he had a rook for a knight and two pawns, with considerable winning prospects.

Latest scores: Sax 9 and one adj; Dzindzichashvili 8; Hort and Petrosian 7½; Mestel 7 and one adj; Tarjan 6½ and one adj; Speelman 6 and one adj; Speelman 6 and one adj; Nunn 5; Fedorowicz 4½ and one adj; Webb 4; Botterill 3½ and one postponed; Shamkovich 3 and one adj; Kagan 2½ and one adj.

Results in round 13: Fedorowicz adj against Sax, QP, King's Indian def; Tarjan adj against Speelman, QP, Queen's Indian defence; Hort v. Petrosian ½, French defence; Nunn 1, Webb 0; French def; Mestel adj against Kagan, QP, Dutch def; Shamkovich against Agnos Botterill resigned; Mestel 0, Speelman 1; QGD Half-Slav def; Dzindzichashvili had the bye.

Adjourned game result round 11: Speelman v. Fedorowicz ½, Petrosian 1, Tarjan 0; Botterill 0, Mestel 1.

Sports Council's choice rejected again

The Rev Nicolas Stacey will not be the Sports Council's director. A council delegation asked Mr Howell, minister responsible for sport, yesterday to change his decision, taken last week, not to accept the council's choice of Mr Stacey.

Mr Howell declined, and the post, worth £12,500 a year will be readvertized. Mr Stacey, director of social services for Kent, will not not reapply.

He said last night that it was a pity Mr Howell had not used his power of veto at the short-list stage, saving everybody trouble and embarrassment.

Officials to study report of 'ill treatment' of patients

From Our Correspondent
Reading

Berkshire Area Health Authority yesterday announced an inquiry into allegations of ill treatment of patients at Church Hill House mental hospital, Bracknell.

Thames Valley police are investigating statements that violence was used to control some of the 270 patients. The allegations were in a report by Wokingham constituency Labour Party.

The health authority is setting up a panel to investigate the report. Mr Ian Islip, its area administrator, said: "The report contains allegations covering the following six areas: drug abuse, falsification of time-sheets, patients' holiday money, violence, preferential treatment to certain patients, and victimization.

"The chairman of the health authority has agreed to set up a full panel of members to consider the substance of the allegations, excluding those in relation to violence, which the Thames Valley police are already investigating."

Mr Islip said the panel's investigation will be carried out in private, although its report will be discussed at one of the authority's public sittings.

Council wants school closed

Surrey County Council h approved the closure of Ott shaw School, Chertsey, a st boarding school, in spite of request by Mrs Williams, Sec tary of State for Education a Science, to keep it open.

Final approval for the closu will have to be given by M Williams.

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Big changes in road planning are urged to take account of the effect on people and environment

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Radical changes in road planning are proposed by the government-appointed committee under the chairmanship of Sir George Leitch, chairman of Storr Brothers Ltd, which reported yesterday. Costs and benefits of a road scheme should be calculated on a far wider basis, the committee recommends. That should take account of the interests of groups affected directly or indirectly, socially, economically, or environmentally, rather than just, as now, of road users, and the financing authority, it says.

Secondly, the traffic forecasts used to justify new roads should be different and more flexible, to take account of changes in transport policy, population, and transport costs and prices. Present methods, the committee finds, predict an inexorable traffic growth.

Where road, rail, or other modes offer rival solutions, they should be compared in similar cost-benefit terms, taking particular account of the safety of the railways, something not done now. The benefit of trunk roads to regional economic development is questionable.

In some past road schemes traffic growth has been overestimated and construction costs underestimated, but the distortion has not been serious and Britain's record compares quite well with other countries', the committee finds.

It goes on to say that there is a "real need for some more formal arrangement for submitting the appraisal and forecasting methods to independent review", and a standing advisory committee is proposed.

The key recommendation for assessing future road schemes is that a comprehensive framework should be assembled for each possible route, measuring and comparing not only the cost of construction and benefits to road users, but factors including noise, disruption, visual intrusion, loss of amenity and agricultural land and safety.

In such schemes more flexible design standards and criteria than now should be used; and all relevant information should be made available from the outset to interested parties.

The other key recommendation is that the present method of traffic forecasting, which predicts the future as an extension of the past, should be replaced with predictions of population, prices and incomes, age groups, family trends, and public transport.

The committee says that because of the complexity of the issues involved it makes no claim to have written the last word on the subject.

Report welcomed: The report was welcomed by Friends of the Earth as "another major blow against the power and influence of the road lobby" (the Press Association reports).

Mr John Denham, transport campaigner for the environmental group, said: "The report vindicates the protest of motorway objectors and exposes the heavy-handed methods and incompetence of the Department of Transport road planners".

The Association of District Councils broadly welcomed the report.

The association said it was pleased that the committee had recommended the fullest consultation with local authorities on proposed trunk road schemes.

"We also feel that greater recognition be given to the need to integrate land use and local transportation policies, as this is essential to any meaningful study on roads and possible alternative means of transport."

The anti-motorway group at Archway, in north London, said in a letter to the Prime Minister that all their criticisms were vindicated by the report, and that Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, must personally take the blame for ignoring them for so long.

They said the whole Archway Road plan should be looked at again in the light of the report.

The Royal Town Planning Institute said the report gave a valuable lead to the Department of Transport is urging a need for a more thorough consideration of all possible effects of trunk road schemes.

Report of the Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment (Stationery Office, £7.25).

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£12,000 for consumers' course by post, TV

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection has announced a £12,000 grant for a new Open University course to help consumers.

The course, called Consumer Decisions, is the first of its kind. It will be launched in October in cooperation with the Consumers' Association, publisher of *Which?*, which is preparing a 280-page handbook as the main source of reference.

Material will be provided, as for other Open University courses, by post, and radio and television programmes, and the eight-week course will cost £10.

The consumers' course is designed to be of popular appeal, not part of an academic study at degree level. The emphasis will be on drawing attention to the considerations that have to be taken into account to make the wisest choices when buying.

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, welcoming the course, said yesterday: "If consumers are to use their resources wisely not only do they need to know their rights, they must be able to assess their needs with confidence and be aware of the alternatives open to them.

"This eminently practical course should be of real value

Man in the news: Reith lecturer who wants to reverse the slide from wartime euphoria to state 'corruption'

Saving 'old England' from itself

By Peter Hennessy

Professor A. H. Halsey is that rare thing, a contemporary sociologist who does not bring his profession into disrepute among other sections of the thinking classes. This evening, on BBC Radio 4, he begins the first of six Reith lectures on the subject of "Change in British society".

His audience will be treated to a disquisition in the great tradition of Tawney and Titmuss. Like them, "Chelly" Halsey, as he is known to his friends, is a bit of a secular saint. Their thought is the gentle, productive kind that underpinned the better achievements of the Attlee government. It is light years away from the strident, often violent, slogan-ridden ideologizing that has marred so much of university-based sociology in recent years.

Professor Halsey's theme over the next few weeks will be "Where did we go wrong?" Essentially, it is a backward look over his own lifetime. Now 54 and Professor of Social and Administrative Studies at Oxford University, he will be trying to make sense of the years since he left his job as a sanitary inspector's boy in Corby for the RAF, to see the ideals of a rural, working-class socialist childhood traduced in a postwar era that should, he believes, have witnessed their fulfillment.

In conversation last week Professor Halsey described "the trigger" that had fired the thoughts he will be sharing with his listeners: "I have been



Professor Halsey: "Where did we go wrong?"

struck very much by the juxtaposition of two things: those extraordinary prophecies of gloom we hear nowadays; and the contrast with the euphoria of the Nissen hut in 1943, when we were going to put our island where it belonged on the top of the civilized heap. How come? What happened?"

He is wonderfully, incurably romantic about old England, its fraternity and its tradition of civil liberty accumulated since the seventeenth century. The trouble, he says, is that, except in time of war, when a common enemy enlarges it into a shared patriotism, fraternity in England is parochial and stratified among the classes. Last week, on television, he said the country had to overcome this by becoming "its own best idea of itself".

He singles out two strands from an interlooking mass of reasons for the nation's discontents since the 1940s. First, the old gentry, with its traditions of *noblesse oblige*, of "privileges vindicated by service", has been replaced in public life by "chaps on the make". He clearly really likes neither sort, but, in this case, the *ancien regime* is to be preferred.

Second, he points to "the nationalization of the Labour movement". The enormous extension of state patronage has led to the corruption of both leaders and led. To make matters worse, many of the leaders have become "chaps on the make". The early Labour ideal of "turning the moral fraternity of small, local class groups into a national community", has been dissipated. Special interests have punched a hole in it.

For all those thoughts, he is not one to despair. England has not exhausted her social capital altogether. Romanticism about the past will not be enough, however.

"It has all got to be turned —as Titmuss would have said— into practical, hard-headed things influenced by those romantic values. Only by a realistic appraisal of what has gone wrong can we save our dear old England".

Bogus claim leads to check by hospital

From Our Correspondent
Bristol

Officials at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, have tightened the procedure for checking the medical qualifications of job applicants after discovering that a doctor's wife had been appointed as a staff nurse after lying about her qualifications.

Mrs Kathleen Enan, aged 34, worked as a staff nurse at the hospital, for four weeks and left under her own accord without being discovered, Bristol magistrates were told yesterday. She had posed as a state registered nurse, although she was only a state enrolled nurse.

Mr William White, for the defence, said Mrs Enan took the hospital job for a month after her husband had left her. She had two young children to support and discovered after her husband left that she was again pregnant.

Mrs Enan, who admitted obtaining pecuniary advantage and falsely using the title of state registered nurse, was given a conditional discharge on each summons. She was ordered to repay £14.46p to the hospital authority, plus costs of £15.

After the hearing Mr Kenneth Radford, senior nursing officer at Southmead, said: "The system for checking medical qualifications should be foolproof but we slipped up this time. We have tightened the system to ensure it cannot happen again".

Black mugger calls Judge McKinnon 'very nice'

A black man who pleaded guilty to mugging two elderly white women praised Judge McKinnon QC, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, after the judge had imposed a suspended sentence. "He is a very nice man", Elvis John Francis, aged 21, said as he left the court.

"I am lucky that the judge let me free", he added. Mr Francis's fiancée, Miss Jill Nolan, aged 19, who is white, said: "We have read a lot of nasty things about Mr McKinnon, but he has been good to us."

Earlier, the judge who is at the centre of the controversy over the "niggers, wogs and coons" case, gave Mr Francis a six-month jail sentence, suspended for a year. He told him: "You got into trouble and you were in dire straits when you were rescued by that young lady and you have a lot to thank her for. You have proved you can lead an honest life".

The judge said Miss Nolan, a telex operator had saved Mr Francis from prison.

The couple live at Abbots Park Road, Leyton, London. Mr Francis, a tailor's cutter, first appeared in August last year, and sentence was deferred until yesterday. The judge said that in the period since the first appearance Mr Francis had been assisted to go straight by Miss Nolan.

'A lenient course'. In another case at the Central Criminal Court, Judge McKinnon fined a coloured man who had admitted handling stolen property, and said: "It is right I should take a lenient course in this case".

Terence Van Rossum, aged 20, a hairdresser, of Tottenham Lane, Hornsey, had pleaded guilty to handling a stolen casette deck, dishonestly receiving a stolen radio set and assisting in the disposal of stolen goods. He was fined a total of £45.

The judge told Mr Rossum: "You come from a good family of law-abiding people. I am going to fine you but I do not want to drive you into crime".

Juror refuses to sit: At Warwick Crown Court yesterday Mr Peter Mooney, aged 29, an engineer from Rugby, was the first juror to be called to take the oath at the beginning of a trial. He said he would not take part because he had lost his faith in the judicial system after Judge McKinnon's "biased summing-up" in the Kingsley Road case last week. He was opposed by prosecuting counsel and asked to leave the jury box.

Higher prices brought fishing catch record

By Hugh Clayton

Fish prices rose so fast last year that the national catch reached record value despite shortages, the White Fish Authority said yesterday. Mr Charles Meek, chairman, told reporters in London that the rise in value of a fifth to £251m reflected "a soaring price of fish which in our view has soared far enough.

"If it soars much further it will meet very heavy consumer resistance. If the price goes much higher the housewife will ensure that it comes down."

He emphasized that a record value did not mean that the industry was in a healthy state. "The industry is as paradoxical as ever", he said.

In an attack on EEC fishing policy and its architects, he said: "The dogma of fish as a common resource is a bad and evil dogma, and as long as it sits at the heart of the common fisheries policy it seems to me impossible that there should ever be a good policy, only varying shades of bad."

He believed that policy-makers in Brussels had failed to take account of the impact of the entry to the Community of Spain and Portugal. That would almost double the EEC tonnage of fishing boats of more than 100 tons.

No bail for man whose lover was murdered

Michael Ishmail, aged 34, of East London, who is in custody on armed robbery charges, was refused bail at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. His lover, Jean Murray, aged 28, was stabbed to death last Wednesday.

Judge Marnan, QC, told Mr Robin Simpson, QC: Mr Ishmail's counsel: "In refusing him bail I am most sympathetic to the situation in which he finds himself."

Mr Simpson said the effect of Miss Murray's death on Mr Ishmail had been catastrophic. Judge Marnan said: "I am sure [that is so] but I cannot bring her back to life by giving him bail, and in my mind it makes it all the more difficult. I am not afraid of him running away but of what might happen from the varying possibilities."

The hunt for Miss Murray's killer was increased yesterday when the team of 20 detectives was increased to 34 in a drive to break the silence surrounding the murder. A man and a woman were still being interviewed by the police at Limehouse.

Miss Murray was stabbed to death at an East End block of flats. She had been lured there by a note left at her home in Osmond Road, Hackney. An inquest on her opened yesterday and was adjourned indefinitely.

Police chief going

Mr John Nightingale, Chief Constable of Essex for 16 years, will retire on June 30 after 45 years' police service.

In brief

Fairground man is cleared

John Rose, aged 68, a fairground amusements owner, was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of holding two detectives at gunpoint when they called at his caravan at Chertsey, Surrey. He was discharged.

He had denied possessing a shotgun with intent to endanger life, and a similar charge relating to t cartridge.

MP seeks record ban

Mr Tom Pendry, MP, for Stalybridge and Hyde, wants the BBC and commercial broadcasting companies to ban a record by the Moors Murderers group. He complained that it calls for Myra Hindley's release.

'Fitter Scotland' drive

A campaign, Fit For Life, aimed at encouraging Scots to take more exercise, was launched in Edinburgh yesterday by Mr Ewing, Scottish Undersecretary of State for Health.

Cheaper Welsh water

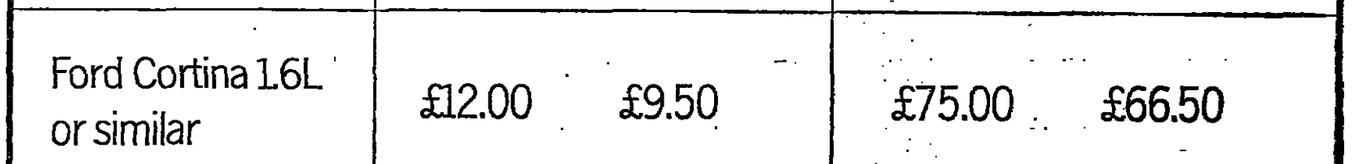
Charges to Welsh Water Authority customers will drop by almost 2½p in the pound from April 1. The average home will pay about £42.85 a year.

New church closed

The new Roman Catholic church at Newark, Nottinghamshire, cannot be used because experts say that the roof is in danger of collapsing.

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HOME NEWS

Health department may offer guidelines for transplant surgery

Guidance on procedures to be followed before organs are taken for transplant is being considered by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Sir Henry Yellowlees, the Chief Medical Officer, says such guidance would take the form of a general outline that could be modified to suit local conditions. The development comes after some health authorities have produced guidelines of their own, an initiative that the Health Department is encouraging.

Sir Henry raises the matter in a letter to all hospital doctors about diagnosing brain death. A copy of the criteria for such diagnosis, drawn up by the royal colleges of medicines in 1976, is attached.

Sir Henry recalls that there is no legal definition of death in Britain and says the colleges' report is thought to be of help in difficult cases. It was drawn up because modern intensive care had led to more patients with severe brain damage having their breathing maintained and heart kept beating by machines when the brain stem was dead.

The report lists a series of reflex and other tests that doctors should make before deciding that brain death has occurred and switching off the ventilator.

Sir Henry says in his letter that when brain death has occurred and the decision to turn off the ventilator has been made doctors may wish to consider the suitability of the patient for organ donation. But the conclusion that only the machine is keeping breathing and heartbeat going "is reached entirely independently of any transplant consideration". Sir Henry added: "It must remain absolutely clear that this is so."

But once death has been diagnosed the actual moment at which the machine is switched off may be influenced by the need to have the kidneys and organs in the best possible condition. The clinical findings for the diagnosis of brain death should be recorded in case notes by the doctors concerned.

£500,000 to study congenital deformities

Mothercare, the maternity and children's wear group, announced yesterday that it is to establish a paediatric genetics unit in London, at a cost of £500,000 over 12 years, to study the causes of congenital disorders.

The unit will be at the Institute of Child Health, the part of London University that is the medical school of the Hospital for Sick Children, in Great Ormond Street. It will complement and increase similar research being carried out there by the Medical Research Council's clinical genetics unit.

Professor Alastair Dudgeon, dean of the institute, said yesterday that the Mothercare venture would increase the volume of research into the causes of grave inherited malformations.

It made possible the appointment by the institute of a senior clinical lecturer and other academic staff and provision of equipment, which will be housed on the top floor of the new cardiac block being constructed at the Great Ormond Street site.



An unidentified design student, head veiled in flowers and carrying a plaster leg with a stocking, standing in Trafalgar Square, London, yesterday to recreate a 1936 Surrealist "event" entitled "The Phantom of Sex Appeal".

BR shows its mixed bag of art treasures

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The British Rail pensioners' art portfolio, on display at Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, provides the first real insight into the largest and most eccentric of art investments. About fifty paintings and works of art are on view out of the 600 or so that the BR pension funds are believed to possess.

Hitherto only half a dozen important purchases have been publicly known. The Doncaster display illustrates the lesser works bought for the pensioners.

With the strength of the Deutsche mark, German industrialists' taste has become a dominant influence on the art market. That has forced up prices of decorative Dutch pictures and German silver and works of art, which are particularly well represented at Doncaster.

The accompanying list explains where the items were purchased, where I have been able to trace them.

The pictures range widely. The unfinished Tiepolo of the artist sketching his family is an intimate work of historical importance and fine quality.

After that the pensioners tread more dangerous ground. There is a very good Frans Post view in Brazil, a lovely van Goyen river landscape, an indifferent Jacob van Ruisdael woodland scene and a large, grand Hobbema woodland landscape that I would categorise as aesthetically a near miss.

All these Dutch seventeenth-century artists are fashionable and expensive. Since the paintings do not seem to appear in auctions records, they were presumably bought privately from dealers.

Then there is a mixed bag of good works by minor artists. The ravishing "Music Lesson" by Jan Verkolje, a man at the virginals holdings hands with a woman holding a lute, ran far beyond expectations and the artist's normal price range when it made £52,500 at Christie's in 1975. The two Italian Prince views are delicious examples of the artist's work.

Sotheby's clearly mark the pensioners' card at an important sale, suggesting items worth considering and their maximum price. On works of special quality some collector or museum will outbid them; the display shows good works without that special something that stirs the acquisitive spirit of the person of taste.

The large pristine set of silver-gilt cutlery made about 1750 for Don Jaime, third Duke of Cadaval, is a fine example. The price was £19,147 at Sotheby Monte Carlo in 1975, presumably because no one wanted it that much.

A box of cutlery is not a natural museum exhibit. A millionaire might buy it and use it, but then it would not remain in perfect condition.

Safety Act case against Singer firm

John Wotherspoon, British head of the Singer sewing machine company, was accused at Dumbarton Sheriff Court, Strathclyde, yesterday of breaking safety laws at the company's works at Clydebank.

Mr Wotherspoon, of Arrisdale Crescent, Newton Mearns, near Glasgow, chairman of Singer (UK) Ltd, appeared with a director of the company, Thomas Cole, of Braemar View, Clydebank.

The company is accused of failing to safeguard machinery properly at the factory. The indictment alleges that the offences were committed with the consent and connivance of, or were attributable to neglect of, the two men.

Pleas of not guilty have been entered and the trial was adjourned until today.

The company is alleged to have provided 37 machines whose spindles and rotating parts were not securely fenced or otherwise safeguarded, and 20 machines whose cutters were not securely fenced.

It is also accused of failing to fence the cutters of a horizontal milling machine, and failing to fence the spindles on four other machines.

Airlines apply for higher fares on British routes

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Air fares in Britain are likely to rise by between 5 and 10 per cent from April as a result of applications announced yesterday by the Civil Aviation Authority. Applications for increases have been made by all airlines except Aurigny, based in the Channel Islands.

The airlines have also applied for a 5 per cent increase on inclusive tour fares from November, and some airlines are asking for an increase of £1 on all fares to cover the cost of security charges, which the Government is ordering airlines to bear.

If approved, the Heathrow-Edinburgh/Glasgow, first-class one-way fare will rise from £45 to £48, and the tourist one-way fare from £30 to £32. The shuttle stand-by fare will rise from £16 to £17.50.

British Caledonian has applied to increase the first-class, one-way fare between Gatwick and Edinburgh/Glasgow from £45 to £51 and the tourist one-way fare from £30 to £34. The stand-by fare will rise from £16 to £19. The airline is also applying for permission to introduce a new advance-purchase excursion return fare of £45.

Between London and Belfast, British Midland has applied to increase the tourist one-way fare from £27 to £29, while British Airways wants an increase from £30 to £32.

On the London-Manchester route, British Caledonian wants an increase of the one-way fare from £21.10 to £29. British Airways is asking to increase the single fare to £23.90.

The Civil Aviation Authority has received applications to increase fares on other routes from Air Anglia, British Airways, British Caledonian, British Island Airways, British Midland, Brymon Aviation, Dan-Air Services, Intra Airways and Loganair.

Police to help

Hertfordshire police will start a juvenile-support scheme at Stevenage on January 16 to provide support and assistance to young people who have committed crime or who have come to notice as potential offenders.

Crossing crash

Thirty people escaped unhurt when a bus crashed through level crossing gates at Liss, near Petersfield, Hampshire, yesterday. Trains on the Portsmouth-Waterloo line were delayed for 45 minutes.

Difficult days for the weekly newspaper that won reporting rights for the press

The editor who would not be silenced

From Tim Jones
Tenby

For want of £8,000 a newspaper that blazed a trail for modern British journalism is in danger. Newspaper readers today take it for granted that they can read of the affairs of their local council or of Parliament. But the privilege they enjoy as of right would not have come to pass but for Frank B. Mason and his folding portable chair.

Mr Mason was the owner and editor of the *Tenby Observer* (now the *West Wales Weekly Observer* and not to be confused with the *West Wales Observer* of Pontardawe).

One day in March, 1907, one of his reporters fell ill and he decided to cover the local council meeting himself.

He did not write shorthand and his highly personalized view of the council meeting ("In a ludicrously naive comment Councillor Jones said . . ." did not endear him to the local councillors, who promptly barred him from their chamber.

Undeterred, Mr Mason returned the next week with his own portable chair, only to be excluded once more from the deliberations of the elected townsfolk.

Dejected but not defeated, he obtained a court injunction against the local council, but the judgment was reversed by the High Court, which decreed that there was no legal right of admission to the press and public to attend and report meetings of public authorities or of Parliament.

As a result of the national publicity given to his litigation the Admission of the Press Act, 1908, was passed and henceforth the press enjoyed access to such deliberations as of right.

In that context it is slightly ironic, but none the less heartening, to read in the paper's latest issue that the mayor, Councillor John Nicolas, stated that it would be a great blow to the area if such a local paper was allowed to close through lack of support.

In spite of its service to the community the West Wales Weekly Observer has its economic back to the wall. In its Christmas issue its front page lead was an unseasonable message telling the readers that unless its cash flow improved it would die.

Although it is said to be the smallest purely newspaper company in the United Kingdom, it has invested heavily in computer typesetting and uses a web-offset lithographic machine.

According to Mr Patrick Flower, its managing director, who doubles as wages clerk, head printer and advertising manager, its financial difficulties can be attributed to the disastrous summer of last year.

Essentially it depends on advertising, and if the local traders have a bad summer the newspaper suffers. Strikes in the Midlands and a general increase in inflation harmed the tourist trade and hit it the newspaper.

At present the newspaper is owed between £8,000 and £10,000 for advertisements, but the money is not readily forthcoming because of the bad tourist season. Mr Flowers looks at the sky and the retail price index and hopes that the paper can weather the economic storm.

He admits that at present it is staggering along week by week. Some townsfolk have made small contributions in order to keep it alive, but paradoxically its future may be determined by industrial events more than a hundred miles away in the Black Country.

Highlights of the collection

The pictures and other items bought at auction and the prices paid for them are as follows:

Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo: "The Tiepolo Family" (Sotheby's, March 24, 1976, £100,000).
Hendrik van Lint: "Rome: The Piazza del Popolo", "Venice: The Piazzetta and the Piazza San Marco", a pair (Sotheby's, March 24 1976, £29,000).
Quiryn Brekelenkam: "Bedroom interior with a man and a boy" (Sotheby Mak van Waay, November 18, 1975, 9,400 guilders, £1,730).
Jan Verkolje: "The Music Lesson" (Christie's, November 28, 1975, £52,500).
Auguste Xavier le Prince: "Soldiers outside a château", "A farmyard", a pair. (Sotheby New York, December 4, 1975, $27,500, £13,610).
Ben Marshall: "Alexandre le Pelletier de Molimede" (Sotheby's, April 28, 1976, £52,000).
Bavarian carved and painted wood figure of St Benedict, c1520 (Sotheby's, July 8, 1976, £5,000).
Flemish ivory nef or cup carved in high relief with the rape of the Sabines, c1650-70 (Sotheby Monte Carlo, May 26, 1975, 145,000fr, £15,591).
German ivory tankard with silver-gilt mounts carved with the story of Proserpine, Troppau, c1699 (Sotheby Monte Carlo, May 25, 1975, 70,000fr, £7,530).
South German gilt bronze and silver figure of Christ, seventeenth century (Sotheby New York, November 29, 1975, $4,7[illegible] £2,375).
Portuguese silver-gilt cutlery service, 78 pieces, in red morocco case, c1750 (Sotheby Monte Carlo, June 23, 1976, 160,000fr, £19,04[illegible]
Italian silver-gilt ewer, c17[illegible] (Sotheby Monte Carlo, June [illegible] 1976, 48,000fr, £5,714).
French silver ecuelle, Dijon, 1675 (Sotheby New York, November 11, 1975, $17,000, £8,500).
Pair of Louis XVI ormolu candelabra with white marble bases and blue glass vase stems (Sotheby Monte Carlo, May 1975, 125,000fr, £13,441).
Pair of George III silver-gilt candelabra, John Schofield, 1792 (Sotheby New York, December 16, 1976, $20,000, £11,764).
Louis XV steel and gilt-bronze console table (Sotheby Monte Carlo, June 24, 1976, 200,000fr, £23,809).
German silver and ebony table cabinet, Augsburg c 1620 (Sotheby Mentmore, May 20, 1977, £8,000).
German silver-gilt ewer and stand board dish, Danzig, c 1[illegible] (Sotheby New York, October 1976, $32,000, £18,823).
German silver-gilt coconut cup, Augsburg, c 1540 (Sotheby New York, June 15, 197+, $22,0[illegible] £12,777).
German engraved glass beaker with silver-gilt mounts, Nuremberg, 1613 (Sotheby New York, October 27, 1976, $19,0[illegible] £10,550).

TV group issues writ against Tate and Lyle

By a Staff Reporter

A writ alleging libel and slander has been issued by ATV Network against Tate and Lyle and Mr John Lyle, its chairman.

ATV said yesterday: "This arises from statements contained in an advertisement and reports they caused to be published in the national press on December 14 and 15, 1977, referring to the ATV series, The South African Experience".

Tate and Lyle obtained a High Court injunction last month to prevent the scheduled showing of *Working for Britain*, the third of Mr Antony Thomas's series for ATV entitled The South African Experience.

The injunction was later lifted and the film was shown on December 21, a week after it had been due to be broadcast. Tate and Lyle objected to scenes of interviews with sugar workers.

Writ by actress

Miss Sally Farmiloe, aged 27, an actress, has issued a High Court writ claiming libel damages against Beaverbrook Newspapers and Joan Middleton, a journalist.

Police chief to appeal

Mr Stanley Parr is to appeal to the Home Office against Lancashire Police Committe's decision to dismiss him from his post at chief constable.

Watchman tells of fight with masked men

Mr Arthur Burns, aged 68, a night watchman, said at Chelmsford Crown Court, Essex, yesterday that he fought a gang of masked men who were armed with iron bars in a raid on a lorry park. They overpowered him, and three lorry-loads of whisky were driven away.

Mr Burns, of Canterbury Way, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, told the jury that he had worked at the lorry park in Stratford, east London, for only a few weeks when the raid took place in 1973.

Before the court are George Davis, aged 36, unemployed, of Belton Way, Bow; Victor Thomas, aged 35, an electrician, of Bramble Avenue, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire; Terence Francis, aged 43, a bar cellarman, of Westbury Road, Forest Gate; Patrick Clark, a salvage contractor, of The Green Walk, Chingford; Thomas Hole, aged 35, unemployed, of Desford Road, Canning Town; and Harry Abrahams, aged 39, a club secretary, of Wood Street, Walthamstow, all London. They are all charged on alternative counts of robbery and theft.

Charles Lowe, serving a five-year jail sentence, identified the six in the dock as the men he said had taken part in the raid with him. He said he had suggested that George Davis should be brought in on the raid at the last minute because the gang was a driver short.

Five more pits in favour of incentives

Miners at five more Yorkshire pits have declared in favour of incentive schemes despite the opposition of the area leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Arthur Scargill.

The latest pits to approve incentive schemes are Manvers Shireoaks, Thurcroft and Treeton, in South Yorkshire, and Emley Moor, in the Barnsley area. The coal board said that out of 66, the number of Yorkshire pits in favour was now 20 and six others were showing interest.

In Scotland, 150 men at the coal board's central workshops at Cowdenbeath, Fife, have gone on strike over a dispute about changes in gradings.

Cast hopes to survive critics' scorn

By Martin Huckerby
Theatre Reporter

Despite the critics, the cast of *Spine Chiller*, at the Duke of York's Theatre, in London, still believe that they may conceivably have a success on their hands.

Only rarely does a West End production attract such total condemnation: "unmitigated drivel"—*Daily Express*: "a plot so preposterous that it defies belief"—*Evening News*: "an affront to the audience"—*The Sunday Telegraph*.

Paul Daneman, one of its two stars, remembered terrible reviews of *Waiting for Godot*. "Most of the critics had gone before the end", he said.

"At least ours stayed to the end", Mr George Baxt, the author of *Spine Chiller*, said.

Sian Phillips said: "I have been in places where they have thrown things at the stage."

Mr Stockton Briggle, the young American director and co-presenter of the play, said he was holding out against closure. He thought audiences had liked the play. There were cheers on Saturday night. Houses had been more than half full, and no one had demanded his money back.

He argued that the critics had not understood the play. It was meant to be a take-off of the whole genre.

The presenters are continuing the theatrical tradition of encouraging whatever praise can be found even in the most awful reviews and sticking them up outside the theatre.

Thus the boards proclaim that the play is: "Hilarious . . . melodramatic romp"—*Mirror*; "Engaging"—*Observer*; and one sign quotes *The Times* as saying the play "reaches heights of madness" (but of course the reviewer did not mean those words as praise).

Fears for less well-off in drive to owner-occupation

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The dangers of increasing owner-occupation to resolve housing difficulties are emphasized in two journals just published.

An article in the *Centre for Environmental Studies' Review* concludes that the Government's housing plans are likely to leave needy families neglected. *Labour Research*, looking at London, believes that the decision of the Conservative-controlled Greater London Council to offer 70,000 council houses for sale will worsen matters in an area of acute housing stress.

Christine Whitehead, in the *Review*, states that if the Government's housing policy review proposals are introduced access to owner-occupation is going to be easier.

But that would be mainly for the young and secure and for the sitting local authority tenant. "Few schemes are designed to help older households, or younger ones with less secure homes."

Professor Christopher Foster, director of the centre, which is largely financed by the Government, said that too much emphasis had been put on owner-occupation. The relatively well off had done better under recent housing policy, and there was a danger that needy groups would not get the housing they required.

Labour Research argues that the GLC's much publicized "sale of the century" of council homes would worsen the present situation of a desperate housing need. Each year between 2 per cent and 5 per cent of council dwellings became vacant through natural causes and thus available for reletting to those in need. But if they had been sold to their former owners the letting pool suffered.

Labour Research, journal of the Labour Research Department, an independent trade union research organization, is critical of Conservative policy. As well as being detrimental for those who needed a house, the sale of council houses failed to benefit the ratepayer in the way the Conservatives suggested, it says.

"For example there is no financial advantage to be gained if a house once sold has to be replaced at current building costs."

Ministry urged to aid ethnic minorities on housing lists

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The Commission for Racial Equality, which is worried about evidence of racial discrimination in housing, has criticized the Government for missing an opportunity to act more decisively against it.

Although it supports many of the proposals in the Green Paper on housing policy, the commission says it is dismayed that once again there has been a failure to give a clear lead in recommending local authorities to keep ethnic records and to use them in analysing the working of their allocation systems.

The lack of any commitment by the Department of the Environment to record-keeping and monitoring is at odds with the Race Relations Act, the commission says. Under it, every local authority has to pay due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and eliminate racial discrimination.

Urging the department to issue guidelines with the minimum of delay, the commission says it is only with such knowledge that local authorities can tell whether they are meeting their statutory obligations.

"There is more and more evidence about the ways in which local authorities' allocation procedures work to the disadvantage of ethnic minorities, and about the degree to which racial discrimination or might be one of the factors involved."

The commission's proposals are in response to the consultative document on housing policy presented to Parliament by the Secretary of state for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales.

The commission supports the proposal in the Green Paper to do away with residential and other qualifications for entry to local authority lists. It also agrees with the view that building societies, without risk to investors' funds, ought to give more weight to social factors in their lending policies.

The commission's memorandum welcomes government proposals to take action against estate agents who discriminate. The commission wants to see the work of registered housing associations continue to grow.

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Mass hunger strike in French jails launched by 685 prisoners in protest at 'inhuman' security cells

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 10

Almost 700 prisoners in French jails are on hunger strike in protest against the use of high security units. The demonstration was called for by eight prisoners who are held in this type of unit and today their action was given the support of legal and teaching bodies at a press conference organized by a prisoners' rights organization, Comité d'Action des Prisonniers.

The group claims that this is the first time there has been such a demonstration in French prisons, organized by the prisoners themselves and supported by other prisoners not directly concerned. It says the protest is against the use of a form of detention which it calls inhuman and illegal.

The press conference was held in a brightly painted condemned building in the centre of a skyscraper housing estate on the north-eastern fringe of Paris. In a communal dining room, decorated with a drawing of a dove of peace surrounded by barbed wire and with protest posters around the walls, the prisoners' rights organization produced one of the most renowned former inmates of a high security unit, M Roland Agret.

M Agret, who was convicted of conspiracy in a murder involving a secret Gaullist organization, told journalists that he had spent a year in a high security unit.

A cardboard model of a typical cell at Fresnes prison, in Paris, was produced. It showed there was a concrete table fixed to the wall, a stool fixed to the floor in front of it, a lavatory, an open set of shelves and a bed. The windows were double barred and there was a double door through which officers could keep watch on the prisoner.

M Agret said the bed was so small that anyone over 5ft 8in could not lie down without his feet sticking out. The cell was "three steps wide and four steps long." Prisoners were allowed only one shower a week, they could not attend classes to learn things which would help them when they left prison and they were not allowed to join in religious services.

They never saw anyone except when the prison officers took them out for exercise, which happened each day whatever the weather. There was nothing to do, M Agret said, "except lie on their too-short beds and masturbate".

He blamed the fact that he had been put into one of these units on his frequent protests against conviction, which he said had made him "dangerous" to the prison administration. The governors, he said, could decide who should be sent to these cells and there was never any meaningful appeal against their decision.

"These units are there for the time when there is an abolition of the death penalty," he went on. "When that happens everyone will say 'bravo' and they will ignore what is taking its place. These cells are to take its place. The death penalty is cleaner and more humane."

M Agret believes that true prison reform should include proper payment for work done by prisoners, so that they would be able to gain self-respect by providing for their families. They should also not be subject to sexual deprivation.

The present hunger strike which began yesterday, follows a letter sent to the press by seven of the inmates of these top security units. Two of them wrote a detailed account of their life which appeared in the December issue of the prisoners' rights' organization newspaper and has led to the paper being banned from distribution in prisons.

Two left-wing newspapers, *Liberation* and *Rouge* have also been banned for covering the affair and *Liberation* claims that *Le Monde* and *Le Matin* have been restricted, although this is not confirmed by the Ministry of Justice.

The high security units were created in 1975 to receive "the convicts who, by their personality or behaviour, cannot be kept in another establishment". At the beginning of last month there were 46 such prisoners held in seven of the 11 prisons where there are units of this sort. In all there are 240 such cells.

According to the prisoners' rights organization and M Agret, there are similar cells used for those said to be psychiatric cases, while others are used for prisoners awaiting trial.

In support of the hunger strikers a four-hour vigil is being organized tomorrow outside the Ministry of Justice in the Place Vendôme. At least 500 prisoners are expected to refuse to work tomorrow.

The 685 men who went on hunger strike yesterday represent 2 per cent of the total prison population, from Ministry of Justice figures.

East Berlin office of 'Spiegel' is closed

From Our Own Correspondent
Berlin, Jan 10

East Germany today ordered the closure of the East Berlin office of *Der Spiegel*, the Hamburg news magazine. The reason it gave was that the magazine was maligning East Germany and its allies to an increasing degree.

In particular it took exception to a report in the magazine last week which quoted a "manifesto" said to have been drawn up in East Germany criticizing the present leaders.

The East German authorities said this "pamphlet" was concocted by the magazine and the West German secret police.

Herr Günter Gaus, the West German envoy to East Germany, who is a former chief editor of *Der Spiegel*, took the matter up with the East German Foreign Ministry this afternoon on instructions from Bonn.

In Bonn, Herr Klaus Jürgen Wischnewski, Minister of State in the Federal Chancellery, summoned Dr Michael Kohl, the East German envoy to West Germany, to state the Government's concern.

Archbishop for Prague named

Rome, Jan 10.—The Pope was named Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek, apostolic administrator of Prague for 12 years, as Archbishop of Prague.

The nomination and the accompanying reorganization of several Czechoslovak dioceses were interpreted by Vatican observers as a sign of improved relations between Czechoslovakia's communist Government and the Holy See.—AP.

US envoy to report on Italian crisis

Rome, Jan 10—Mr Richard Gardner, the American ambassador, left Rome today for urgent White House consultations on a possible collapse of the Italian Government that may result in the Communist Party taking a further step closer to power.

Mr Gardner's recall came during the worst wave of political violence for more than a year and as politicians predicted that the minority Christian Democratic government of Signor Andreotti would fall within the week.

The Communists, Socialists and two smaller parties have for more than two months been demanding formation of an all-party emergency government.

In the course of today extremist groups fought with police in Rome, wounded a Fiat official in Turin, started a £25m fire in Bergamo and threatened to assassinate Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist Party Secretary, in revenge for the deaths of three rightists.

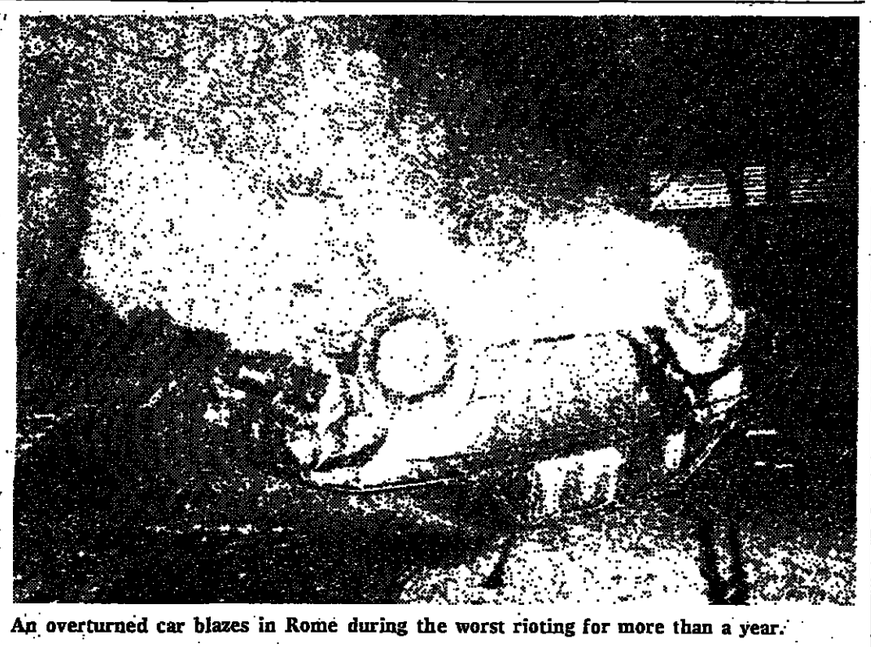
Security precautions in and around the capital failed to stop the wave of political violence.

Hundreds of youths clashed with the police in the working class neighbourhood where gunmen killed two young neo-fascists on Saturday and a third rightist suffered fatal head injuries in a gun battle with the police.

Rioters overturned cars and buses, set them on fire and answered barrages of police tear gas with petrol bombs and gunfire. More than 20 spent bullets were found on the scene, but there were no serious injuries. The police fired warning shots in the air and detained about 50 rightist youths.

In Turin Signor Gustavo Ghirotto, of Fiat, was shot in an ambush outside his garage. A telephone caller told a news agency the attack was the work of the extreme leftist Red Brigades.

Five masked gunmen in the Bergamo suburb of Zingonia set fire to and destroyed a warehouse containing between 150,000 and 250,000 washing machines and 50,000 washing machine motors. A leaflet left behind by the raiders attributed the attack to a group called "Armed Workers' Squads".—UPI.



An overturned car blazes in Rome during the worst rioting for more than a year.

Six women now in Barre Government

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 10

France now has its highest ever number of women in government after a minor reshuffle of posts, announced this evening. There are now six in office.

In fact this reshuffle, the third since M Barre formed his second Government at the end of March, involves only women. Mme Alice Saunier-Séïte has been promoted from Junior Minister for Universities to ministerial rank, with a separate ministry of her own.

Two other women have been created junior ministers: Mme Monique Pelletier, an expert on drug offences, at the Justice Ministry and Mme Nicole Pasquier, who goes to the Ministry of Labour with special responsibility for female jobs.

The three other female members of the Government are Mme Simone Veil, the Health Minister and France's most popular politician; Mme Hélène Missoffe, her junior, and Mme Christiane Scrivener, Junior Minister at the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

M Mitterrand under fire for Carter meeting

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 10

M de Guiringaud, the Foreign Minister, strongly criticized M Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, for his meeting with Mr Carter during last week's official visit by the American President.

M Mitterrand, at his own request, was allowed a 35-minute meeting with President Carter despite a tight schedule. M de Guiringaud said today that the Socialist leader had asked for a meeting with a foreign head of State passing through Paris: "When he does not even go to the Elysée. Into the bargain, he had talked about foreign policy with a foreign head of state."

The minister's annoyance was complemented by the political council of the Gaullist party meeting last night, which "regretted" the fact that Mr Carter had involved himself in internal French politics.

President Carter's meeting with M Mitterrand was an unprecedented move in France,

Vote requests by overseas French fail scrutineers

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 10

The administrative electoral commission in Brest has rejected 315 out of 325 overseas voting applications that have been received from Madagascar for the March general elections. The commission in Montpelier has rejected just under half of the 1,200 applications it has received from the Ivory Coast.

Under a law passed six months ago French citizens living overseas have the right to vote by proxy in any constituency of their choice. This has led to accusations, largely from the left-wing parties, that block votes are being organized in marginal constituencies for the Majority coalition by the diplomatic service.

The commission in Montpelier was composed of M Georges Frêche, the Socialist mayor, a magistrate and a local government official. It rejected all applications which were filled in by two separate people and all those applying to vote in an area where the voting list was already full (foreign votes can account for only 2 per cent of the total in any area).

M Francis le Blé, the Socialist mayor in Brest, proposed the examination of each of the applications and these were voted upon individually before being rejected.

A report drawn up by M Jacques Viot, the inspector of diplomatic posts, after a visit to Gabon to investigate allegations that the diplomatic service was involved in organizing votes for the Majority, has now gone to M de Guiringaud.

M Paul d'Ornano, the overseas territories' representative in the Senate, admitted today in a radio interview that he had written letters to residents abroad inviting them to vote for the Majority in marginal constituencies. He denied, however, that this was, as M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, has called it, "a racket".

Asked about application forms being filled in in the same hand, he said that support committees for the Majority had been set up to enrol French people who wanted to vote that way.

Suárez aide quits at 'move to left'

rom William Chislett
adrid, Jan 10

Señor Alfonso Osorio Garcia, personal adviser to Señor uárez, the Prime Minister, has esigned because he believes te ruling Democratic Centre nion Party is moving dangerusly to the left.

Señor Osorio, a Senator by esignation of King Juan Carlos, ho was Minister of the Presiency in the last government, on the right wing of the arty.

He has told Señor Suárez that e "centre left" line he is llowing goes against the ishes of his electors, who oted for "a democracy of the ght".

Señor Suárez reportedly aims take away three million votes om the Socialists, the main position party, in the next neral elections. "To try to ke away votes from the left is ssible", Señor Osorio said, ut it worries me from a tional point of view." Such aim should not be achieved by changing the party's programme.

Señor Osorio complained that his advice had hardly been sought.

His resignation highlighted the problems of the centre party, formed recently by amalgamating the loose coalition of 12 parties led by Señor Suárez in the last election. Señor Osorio is a Christian Democrat.

His resignation also confirmed the belief of many observers that the Centre does not have a coherent line and that it is held together by Señor Suárez.

The Prime Minister, who in private admits to being a social democrat, apparently wants to take away some of the ground of the Socialists. If this is so then it would explain why Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, leader of the neo-Francoist Popular Alliance, has recently started to change the image of his party, insisting that it is really "centre right".

The programme of the Government, which is the Moncloa Pact, agreed with all the main political parties, is not the same as that presented by the Centre in its electoral programme. In order to reach a consensus with the other parties, mainly the left, the Centre has had to move slightly in that direction.

In Catalonia and the Basque country, which has just been granted a degree of autonomy, opposition politicians are becoming restless about the Government's dragging of its feet over the issue.

The Basque Nationalist Party and the Socialists have decided to put their autonomy "into a state of hibernation" until the Government settles the question of Navarra. The province associated with the Basque cause has been left out of the autonomy, until a referendum is held there on the issue of joining the other three Basque provinces.

Explorer finds fish shrinking in Mediterranean

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 10

Fish are becoming smaller in the Mediterranean, Commander Jacques Cousteau, the underwater explorer, told the 17-nation conference on the sea's pollution during its session in Monaco today.

He outlined the findings of a survey he carried out in 10 areas of the sea between last July and early December.

These showed that the polluted area around the coast had started to extend into the centre, he said, and chemical pollution was "enormously" high around the mouth of the Rhône. His complete report would not be ready until the end of this year or the beginning of next.

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Egyptians unsure over Israel's policy on settlements in Sinai

From David Watts
Cairo, Jan 10

The first few days of the Egyptian-Israeli military committee talks, which open here tomorrow, will indicate whether the question of settlements in Sinai is going to prove a substantial impediment to peace in the Middle East.

Israel's reported intention of setting up three new settlements has left Egypt unsure of whether it is a last-minute attempt to drive a hard bargain, is meant largely for domestic consumption or represents the Jewish state's true aims.

The Egyptians have said all along that they regard withdrawal from Sinai, which was captured during the 1967 war, not as a concession by Israel but a fundamental requirement.

When the talks open tomorrow night in the Tahra, or "purity" palace, the Egyptians will be looking for indications of the purity or otherwise of Israeli intentions.

The Egyptians are still somewhat shocked that President Sadat's open-handed diplomacy, which the Shah of Iran termed "dignified" before the left for discussions with King Khalid in Saudi Arabia today, has yet to be matched with anything even remotely comparable, as they see it.

Originally, the military committee in Cairo and the parallel political discussions in Jerusalem were to have opened on the same day, next Monday, but the military talks were brought forward to tomorrow, at the request of the Egyptians, because they wanted an indication of Israeli intentions before the more crucial political committee meets.

Our Foreign Staff writes: The foreign affairs and security committee of the Israeli Parliament has endorsed government plans to build four new villages on the West Bank of the Jordan by 14 votes to nine.

The MPs who voted against the settlements complained that the move might harm peace negotiations.

In a newspaper interview published in Amman, Mr Mulley, the British Defence Secretary, said the peace proposals put forward by Mr Begin "are not nearly sufficient". A successful Middle East peace settlement would have to be comprehensive and based on United Nations resolutions.

Sinai pioneers still shocked by offer to withdraw

From Michael Knipe
Yamit, Sinai, Jan 10

"OK, so it was not officially part of Israel, but who would have thought that the Government would offer it back to the Egyptians?"

Asking the question was Mrs Iris Golan, one of about 3,000 Israelis who have settled in the Rafah salient, a wedge of land between Israeli-occupied Sinai and the Israeli-occupied Gaza strip.

For most of these Jewish settlers, Mr Begin's proposal that Sinai should be returned to Egyptian sovereignty has come as a nasty shock.

"We knew we were living over the green-line [marking the 1967 ceasefire] but we never imagined this would happen", Mrs Golan said. There had been repeated assurances by government ministers, she said, that where they were living was "part of Israel".

She wanted to stay but would move out if the area was returned to Egyptian sovereignty.

Mrs Golan and her husband own a clothing boutique and a café in Yamit which is a two-year-old development town in the middle of the salient close to the Mediterranean coast. It is surrounded by 16 smaller agricultural settlements, all of them established at least partly to act as a strategic buffer between the Arabs of Sinai and the Gaza strip.

Like most new communities, Yamit has a characterless appearance: lines of prefabricated houses made of concrete and shingle slabs, set upon the sand dunes and surrounded by a security fence.

Outside the fence the countryside is barren except for a few date palms, the rusting wreckage of vehicles left behind from the fighting in 1967 and the occasional Beduin encampments, with their camels and black-veiled women.

Yamit consists of about 350 families, the majority Israeli-born, although about a quarter of the parents are Anglo-Saxon, 15 are from the Soviet Union and another five are from South America.

Many of the families are now nursing a sense of betrayal. Some say they do not mind who the government is as long as the development of the area continues. But many more say they will stay on only as Israeli citizens.

Claim that Palestinian group shot Hammami

By Edward Mortimer
and Stewart Tendler

Detectives investigating the murder of Said Hammami, London representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, have been told that a caller to an Arab newspaper in London has claimed responsibility on behalf of an extremist Palestinian group based in Iraq.

Staff at *El Arab* received a *telephone call on Monday from* a man claiming to speak for the "Black September and June" organization. The man, ringing from a call box and speaking with a Palestinian accent, dictated a statement before ringing off abruptly.

The statement said: "Black September and June organization announce responsibility for the liquidation of the treacherous symbol Said Hammami. The organization stresses to the Arab masses that it will be watching over all the traitors to the Arab masses and it will inflict severe punishment on all those who betray the masses. Long live the forces of the armed Arab revolution. Glory and immortality to the maryrs of the revolution."

Mr Adel Bishtawi took the call and queried the organization's name because "Black June" and "Black September" are usually seen as two distinct groups. The caller repeated the name of the group.

There has already been considerable speculation that "Black June" a *term used by* adherents of Abu Nidal, who broke away from Al aFtah and has been based in Iraq, were responsible for Mr Hammami's death a week ago today. "Black September" has sometimes been described as an offshoot of the Fatah and was held responsible for the Munich Olympics massacre in 1972.

There are reports in Paris that the French police suspect that Abu Nidal master-minded the attack on Mr Hammani and they are investigating letter bombs sent recently from Strasbourg to the Syrian and Egyptian embassies in Paris and the British consul in Marseilles.

Western journalists who saw *Abu Nidal in Baghdad in 1976* say that he was bostile to Mr Hammami whom he considered a traitor. He asked one journalist if British policemen now carried guns and then said: "You can tell them they will need to in the future."

Beirut, Jan 10.—The PLO has named a new guerrilla unit after Mr Hammami, according to the Palestine news agency Wafa. It said Mr Arafat spoke at a ceremony in Lebanon last night at the start of a training session for the newly formed Unit.—Reuter.

Tribal rivalries lead to raids on Lusaka HQ

Revolt of dissident group hits guerrilla army of Mr Nkomo

From a Correspondent
Lusaka, Jan 10

The guerrilla army of Mr Joshua Nkomo has been split by a *tribally and ideologically*-based conflict which could have important implications for the future of the war in the Rhodesian bush.

The long-simmering dispute, due to traditional rivalries between the Ndebele and Shona tribes, erupted recently in a series of raids on Nkomo headquarters here.

Ndebeles form a large part of the military section of Mr Nkomo's Zapu (Zimbabwe African People's Union). However the leadership is dominated by Kalangas, a relatively minor sub-group of the Shona tribe.

The rebellion is being led by the Zapu military commander, Mr Alfred Nikita Mangena, who has strong Marxist leanings according to qualified sources. It involves at least "several hundred" Ndebele dissidents who control three camps in Zambia, the sources said.

Last month they hijacked several lorryloads of military equipment bound for other *Zapu camps, and carried out a* series of raids on Zapu headquarters in Lusaka, the first occurring in the small hours of December 18. Over the next seven nights four more attacks were reported. Mr Nkomo was out of the country at the time.

There are reports from several usually reliable sources that at least five Zapu guerrillas were killed in the raid, which varied in intensity from explosions, machine gun and rifle fire the first night, to "sporadic rifle shots" later in the week.

A Zapu spokesman admitted to only two incidents and said they were a "flippant attempt by the Smith regime to hit at the root source of the armed struggle".

The incidents were intended by the dissidents not to destroy the Zapu leadership but to remind them that their group is "a force to be reckoned with", the sources said.

Mr Mangena's men are among the more militant members of Zapu. They are disenchanted with the leadership's failure to order a full-scale offensive, and with what they maintain is the unwillingness of the Kalangas to becoming involved in actual fighting. As a result, they say, the brunt of the fighting has been borne by guerrillas of Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (Zimbabwe African National Union), which together with Zapu forms the Patriotic Front.

The Ndebele-Kalanga conflict stems from the murder here early last year of the Zapu external head and military chief, Mr Jason Moyo.

A Kalanga who favoured strong military action, Mr Moyo had close ties with the Ndebeles, and enjoyed widespread support among the guerrillas. His death removed the main link between the two tribes, and the Ndebeles claim they have since had little influence on Zapu decisions.

With the internal settlement talks said to be deadlocked in Salisbury, and with little apparent progress being made on the Anglo-American proposals, observers here believe that Mr Nkomo may be planning an offensive. The purpose would be to remind Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, that "there can be no settlement without the Patriotic Front".

But the Ndebele-Kalanga conflict and dissatisfaction with the political leadership could endanger such a military push.

There is also the issue of Mr Nkomo's participation in any future election. Himself a Kalanga, the nationalist leader's base of support is in the *Rhodesian south-west, the* home of the Ndebele and the tiny Kalanga population.

It is estimated that Ndebele-speaking peoples make up less than 20 per cent of Rhodesia's African population, while the remainder belong to the Shona tribe, from which the rival nationalists, Bishop Muzorewa and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, draw their support.

Mr Nkomo would have to gain a substantial part of the Shona vote to win an election. And erosion of Ndebele support could cripple him.

At a press conference Mr Nkomo denied that there was any split within his organization.

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Four whites killed at farm 80 miles from Salisbury

From Our Correspondent,
Salisbury, Jan 10

The upsurge in the killing of white Rhodesians by guerrillas continues with the news today of the murder of four whites, including an elderly bedridden grandmother, at a farm about 80 miles west of Salisbury.

A gang of six burst into Rainbow's End farm last night in the Hartley district and shot dead Mrs Sheila Mary Brakenridge, aged 74, who was eating supper; her son Mr Benjamin Brakenridge, aged 35; her grandson, Bruce Brakenridge, and Alan Harris, from Salisbury, aged 15. Two other boys, Nigel Brakenridge and Brian Landry, both aged 12, were injured. They were taken to hospital where their condition was described as not serious.

The murders follow the killing on Saturday at a farm in the Norton area, adjoining Hartley, of a farmer's wife, Mrs Sheila Cumming, aged 44, and her daughter Sarah, aged 15. A Ministry of Combined Operations communiqué tonight said that intensive follow-up operations were now being carried out.

Although it cannot be confirmed officially that the same gang was responsible for all farm murders, the possibility does exist. Last Wednesday four men, three of them members of the security forces, were murdered when guerrillas attacked two beer halls in the Norton area. Security forces were immediately launched into the vicinity.

Last Saturday morning, more than 200 holidaymakers were evacuated from the Lake McIlwiane game park near Norton as security forces intensified their search. It was while this search was in operation that Mrs Cumming and her daughter were shot dead.

Rhodesian Army said to have lost the initiative

Maputo, Jan 10.—The Rhodesian Army has "lost the initiative and the strategic superiority that it once had", Mr Josiah Tongongara, a guerrilla leader, said today.

Mr Tongongara commands black nationalists operating from Mozambique. He was speaking in an interview with the Voice of Zimbabwe, a *Mozambique radio programme* in English which is beamed to Rhodesia. He also accused the Rhodesian Army of atrocities against the civilian population and described the talks between Mr Ian Smith and black moderate leaders as "an attempt to preserve the system of exploitation" in Rhodesia.

Another guerrilla, identified only as "a field provincial commander", said that Rhodesian troops were unable to enter some areas of the country, particularly near border areas and the eastern highlands.—Reuter.

Second Soyuz crew heads on double-link mission

Moscow, Jan 10.—Two Soviet cosmanauts were launched into orbit on board a Soyuz spacecraft today with the aim of completing the world's first double docking with an orbital station.

Colonel Vladimir Dzhanibekov, aged 35, and Mr Oleg Makarov, aged 45, were aiming to dock their Soyuz 27 ferry vehicle with the orbiting Salyut 6 space laboratory, which has been manned for the past month by two cosmanauts who docked their Soyuz 26 with it on December 10.

Tass, announcing today's launch from the Baikonur cosmodrome in central Asia, said the new crew would carry out joint research on the station with Colonel Yuri Romanenko and Mr Georgy Grechko, the Soyuz 26 crew.

The advance notice of the docking plans, unusual for the secretive Soviet space programme, seemed to indicate that scientists were confident there would be no hitch.

Neither the Russians, with their seven-year Salyut programme, nor the Americans, with their completed Skylab series, haev ever managed to put two crews on a station at the same time.

All going well, observers expected Soyaz 27 to dock at about 1400 GMT tomorrow with Salyut 6.

As part of the preparations for the new launching, unannounced until the craft was safely in orbit, Mr Grechko left Solyut 6 last month to check suspected damage to he second docking port. He reported that *the equipment, believed faulty* after a Soyuz crew failed to dock last October, was in working order.

The second port will enable craft to ferry additional supplies to the Salyut stations—an essential step if longer manned flights are to be attempted.

There was no indication of how long the joint flight would last or how long either crew might remain in space. The longest any crew has remained on a Salyut station is 63 days. The record of 84 days was set by a Skylab crew in 1974.—Reuter.

Korchnoi one point from overall victory

Belgrade, Jan 10.—Viktor Korchnoi won today the seventeenth game in his candidates' match against Boris Spassky and now needs only one more point to win the right to challenge Anatoly Karpov, the world chess champion, for the title.

With his latest victory Korchnoi, the self-exiled Russian grandmaster, leads 9.5-7.5 in the 20-game series.

Korchnoi, playing white, won after Spassky resigned the adjourned game in the fifty-*seventh move.*

Today's victory was Korchnoi's first since Spassky resigned the tenth game. Korchnoi then had amassed a staggering lead of 7.5-2.5.

But, then came a series of four wins for Spassky, with the former Soviet world chess champion moving one-point behind Korchnoi as they squabbled over technicalities.

When the quarrel subsided two draws followed

Greek blizzards take eight lives

Athens, Jan 10.—The Greek authorities today declared a state of emergency in eight provinces where hundreds of villages have been isolated by heavy snowfalls and deprived of electricity.

Troops and police were being called in to try to move supplies of food, blankets and warm clothing to the affected regions. Eight people have died

Five shot dead by police in Iran protest

Teheran, Jan 10.—At least five people were shot dead and nine wounded yesterday when police fired on demonstrators attacking a police post at Qom, south of Teheran, Iranian official reports said today.

A boy aged 13 was killed in a stampede that apparently took place after the police opened fire in the religious university town about 90 miles from the capital.

A brief official account of the clash carried by Iranian afternoon newspapers, said that the demonstrators ridiculed the Shah's two most important campaigns—women's unveiling and distribution of land among peasants—whose anniversaries were observed last Saturday and yesterday respectively.

Village disappointed by brief Callaghan visi

From Richard Wigg
Ahmedabad, Jan 10

An overcrowded schedule marred Mr Callaghan's trip today into rural India. There was an abrupt ending to what should have been the high point: meeting the villagers of Mogri, which has one of Gujarat state's most successful dairy cooperatives.

Half of its members are either landless labourers or very small farmers. The cooperative movement has proved effective in raising living standards, supplying better quality *milk to centres like Bombay* and cutting out the middlemen.

The Prime Minister hurried through his speech and his motorcade left the village, dust flying, after a mere 25-minute visit. One could only feel sorry for the disappointed villagers.

They had gone to great efforts to dress up their village for the great day. Buildings along the entire length of the main street had been whitewashed or panted and fresh earth had been put down.

The women of the village, who twice a day sell buffalo milk not needed by their families, had all been issued with special brass bowls in place of their normal battered *old canisters. The normal* evening milk collection was brought forward by more than an hour for the Prime Minister to see, but there was no time to display some local dancing which had been practiced for weeks before.

After being introduced to the village notables Mr Callaghan just had time to ask a couple of them whether they had relations in Britain before he was escorted from a specially erected liggia to a rostrum for his speech. An opportunity was thus missed for him to meet some of the ordinary people of India at close quarters.

The reason given for his hurried departure was that his *party's helicopters had to* return to Ahmedabad before dusk.

Earlier Mr Callaghan and Mr Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, were awarded honorary degrees by the Sardar Patel University of Ahmedabad. Mr Callaghan made a speech about the significance of the ties between India and Britain.

"I believe it is because of the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi that Britain and India emerged from the ruler and ruled status to equal partnership without enmity and that has been rare in the history of empires", he said.

He urged the many students in his audience to build on the basis a new relationship an also announced that Britai was presenting two libraries the university.

Mr Callaghan had earli visited the national dairy d velopment board headquarte at Anand, where British aid to provide a £16m foot ar mouth disease vaccine pla and a £1m computer f national cattle stocks.

Hasan Akhtar writes fro Islamabad: Mr Callagh arrives in Pakistan tomorrow the end o fthis Indian visit f a three-day stay in Rawalpin and Lahore. He is the seco British Prime Minister to vi the country. Mr Harold Mi millan was here in 1959.

There are contradictory pre reports here on the eve of M Callaghan's visit that Pakist may reverse its January, 19 decision to leave the Commo wealth. Mr Bhutto, who w then President and chief mi tial law adminstrator, decid to leave the Commonweal over the attitude of the Briti press towards the Bangladе war.

Lately, however, perha encouraged by the fact th General Zia, the chief mart la wadministrator, has revers some of Mr Bhutto's domes policies, there have been p sistent demands from some s rions of press for a review the decision to leave Comm wealth.

Officials here have avoid saying anything definite agai rejoining the Commonwea but at the same time they se to question what benefits c be gained by Pakistan at t time since Britain seems m concerned at present now w the EEC. However, this is may well be discussed by Callaghan and General when they meet for fort talks on Thursday.

Among topics almost cert to be discussed will be econo relations and facilities Pakistani emigrants to Brit There are said to be no seri disputes between the two G ernments and the British G ernment's attitude towa Pakistani emigrants is appre ted in official quarters.

Mr and Mrs Callaghan be visiting Lahore, capital Punjab, and will see some the grandest Moghul buildir including the Badshahi mos and the royal fort. They leave Pakistan on Friday, hours ahead of the origi schedule, possibly for Callaghan to see Presid Sadat in Cairo.

American Senators wooed under Panama skies

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 10

Between the Christmas recess and the end of this month, 42 American Senators will have visited Panama.

The visits are partly an education and partly an effort by the American and Panamanian Governments to persuade the Senate of the wisdom of *the Panama treaty signed here* last year but not yet ratified by the Senate.

Under the agreement the United States will hand over control of the canal to Panama by 2000, but will retain the right and the duty to defend it and to preserve its neutrality *in time of war.*

The treaty must be ratified by a two thirds majority in the Senate—67 Senators if all 100 of them vote. It will be a close call and the two Governments are exrting every effort to persuade each Senator of the Treaty's wisdom.

The visiting Senators in Panama are given briefings by the American Embassy, the military command and the Panama Canal Company; they visit the canal and the Canal Zone and meet its American inhabitants; they meet Panamanian citizens and officials and the local archbishop; they have dinner with the Panamanian President; and, as a clima to their tour, they meet Panama's strong man, General Omar Torrijos.

Mr Robert Kaiser, reporting on the tours for *The Washington Post*, detects in the process a resemblance to the briefings laid on for American dignitaries during the Vietnam war. It is very smooth, very efficient and provides splendid television.

General Torrijos takes the Senators on helicopter tours to jungle villages, to islands off the Pacific coast, to old Panama and to Colo. They are impressed by his obvious popularity and by the unanimity of the Panamanians in their support for the treaty (thought many of them think it too generous to the Americans.

Many of the visitors are also impressed by the General's resemblance to Fidel Castro, but few countries are less suited to a communist revolution than Panama. Still, opponents of the treaty here sometimes sugg that the general is a Marx dictator who smuggles her on the side.

The most important Sena to visit Panama this holi season has been Senator How Baker of Tennessee. He is Republican leader in the Sen and it would be exceedin difficult to muster the 67 vo for the treaty if he were campaign strongly against i

He is running for the Rep lican nomination for the pr dency in 1980, and theref cannot alienate the party's ri wing. Furthermore, he is up re-election this year, Tennessee is fundamenta country where there is a stro belief that the canal belongs the United States and that " have been pushed arou enough" abroad. The feelin that the Panamanians must for the defeat in Vietnam.

Mr Baker was given a ro tour of Panama. The State partment and the White Ho sent senior officials with and the treaty's opponents w also well represented in his p party. He has made a numb of statements on the tre since he left Panama, all which suggest that he is do his best to stay on the fence bit longer.

He has said that the Sen would not pass the treaty in present form but that believed he could amend treaty, or at least produce reasonable package of addit nal guorantees" to make acceptable.

The State Department, wh delighted that the Senator n admits that a new treaty desirable, says that the renc tiated text is final. T Panamanians have issued cla fications, and so has Presid Carter but they do not have force of a treaty. Any Sen additions would have as lit force.

However, if the Baker amen ments alone guaranteed the votes needed, the State Depa ment's lawyers could doubtl amend the treaty quick enough if Panama agreed. Baker suggests that the obtainted General Torrijo support for the idea a although the original treaty Panama, the "maximu chief as he is called, could probab find a quicker way of maki the necessary changes.

New York's new paper in trouble

From Michael Leapman
New York, Jan 10

New York's new daily newspaper, *The Trib*, was in trouble on two fronts today, the second day of its existence. Only 100,000 of the planned 265,000 copies were printed because most distributors refused to handle the paper.

The reason for the refusal appeared to be a claim by the Mailers' and Deliverers' Union for higher payments for handling *The Trib*. Mr Leonard Saffir, the publisher, said it was an "attempt to destroy this newspaper" and spoke of going to court for an injunction to force the distributors to abandon their boycott.

It is partly to avoid trouble with trade unions that Mr Saffir has *The Trib* printed on contract at an independent printing works in New Jersey. The editorial staff of 80 are not organized into a union.

The newspaper's other difficulty was the announcement of the withdrawal of Mr Richard Mellon Scaife, its best-known investor, a Pittsburgh publisher and a member of the wealthy steel family. He said he had asked Mr Saffir to return his $200,000 (nearly £100,000) cheque because he had not secured the revenue from oth sources which was a conditi of the investment. He al accused Mr Saffir of "m representation".

Mr Saffir, however, had different version. He said th his company had rejected Scaife as an investor.

The first edition of 250,0 copies quickly sold out yest day, which encouraged Saffir to add 15,000 to l night's projected run. Toda issue, like the first is pack with good quality advertisi but still appears to favo analysis and commentary hard news.

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OVERSEAS

Chinese press quotes both versions of the Parrot's Beak war

Peking, Jan 10.—The official Chinese press for the first time today gave equal treatment to the viewpoints of Vietnam and Cambodia in their border dispute.

The Peking *People's Daily* quoted two communiqués published by Phnom Penh and Hanoi last Friday, reproducing both the Cambodian accusations against Hanoi and the Vietnamese charges against Phnom Penh.

Mr Nguyen Trong Vinh, the Vietnamese Ambassador in Peking, said last night that he had "drawn the attention" of the Chinese Foreign Ministry last week to what he termed his "dissatisfaction" with the way the Chinese press had so far reported Hanoi's position in the conflict. The ambassador added that Chinese officials had "rejected his views" during talks at the Foreign Ministry here.

When Cambodia and Vietnam published their first communiqués on December 31 and January 1, disclosing the extent of the border dispute, the official Chinese press carried almost all the Cambodian charges of "territorial violations" and "aggression" by Vietnam while ignoring similar Vietnamese accusations against Cambodia.

The Chinese press today carried Vietnamese charges that Cambodian armed forces had repeatedly intruded into Vietnamese territory" since May, 1975. The Chinese media had not reported on the Vietnamese-Cambodian conflict since the partial publication 10 days ago of the communiqués from the two sides. Observers said the extracts published here tended to favour the Cambodian version of the conflict.

Bangkok: Fighting has virtually ceased in Cambodia where Vietnamese forces, estimated at eight divisions, have established themselves in positions six to 25 miles inside Cambodian territory, enabling them to defend the Vietnamese border.

This was the analysis of the situation made tonight by Thai specialists and diplomatic sources having at their disposal accurate electronic information-gathering devices.

The Vietnamese have confirmed this analysis. A Vietnamese source close to a delegation led by Mr Nguyen Duy Trinh, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister said today: "We have no intention of seizing Phnom Penh or any Cambodian province. We are compelled to ensure the protection of our border by these means."

The Cambodian radio, meanwhile, hinted that the war was over or about to end. It devoted today's broadcast to a meeting of Phnom Penh workers celebrating "the great victory of January 6".

The radio said the workers celebrated victory "against the Vietnamese enemies, expansionists and aggressors on the field and, politically, the failure of the Vietnamese plan to set up an Indo-Chinese federation and carry out expansion in South-east Asia".

It is apparent, however, that the Cambodian armed forces have suffered a bloody defeat.

A Vietnamese source said here today that many Cambodian units had surrendered. He quoted prisoners as saying the Khmer Rouge troops did not know why they had been sent to fight. Specialists in Bangkok said the Vietnamese had apparently set up barriers on all roads leading to Vietnam.

These include Highway 19 leading down to the Central Highlands, Highways 7 to 13 and 14 leading to An Loc and Tay Ninh north of the Parrot's Beak region, and Highway 1 which crosses the Parrot's Beak to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon).

It is difficult to estimate losses in the conflict. Most observers believe the Cambodians have lost at least 10,000 men out of their 80,000-strong regular Army, while Vietnamese losses are only about a quarter of that figure. Specialists here said it seemed that several Vietnamese tanks had been knocked out

It appears that Vietnam's conflict with Cambodia is not the kind of problem that would be likely to change Hanoi's policy of opening our to South-east Asia. A Vietnamese source said: "We are waiting until such time as the Cambodians make up their minds to negotiate."—Agence France-Presse and UPI.

Islands block Moscow's peace treaty with Japan

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Jan 10

Proposals for a peace treaty between Japan and the Soviet Union have broken down in Moscow due to the dispute over the ownership of four islands occupied by Soviet troops since the end of the Second World War.

According to the Japanese Foreign Ministry the negotiations floundered yesterday, when Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, met Mr Sunao Sonoda, his Japanese opposite number, in Moscow to discuss the terms of a proposed peace treaty.

Japanese officials state that Mr Gromyko brushed aside, as was expected, Japan's claim to the Kurile islands, Tokyo's precondition for a peace treaty. Instead Mr Gromyko apparently expressed concern that Japan might now sign a similar treaty with Peking.

According to Foreign Ministry officials and Japanese press reports, the Soviet Foreign Minister is worried that the proposed Sino-Japanese peace treaty will contain an "anti-hegemony" clause, directed against the Soviet Union's "sphere of influence in Asia."

Confirming Moscow's worst fears, the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, the influential economic journal, claimed today that Mr Sonoda might now go to Peking early next month to reopen the talks on a proposed Sino-Japanese place and friendship treaty.

According to the newspaper's Moscow report, Mr Sonoda hopes to sign the treaty with Peking in March, provided the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, endorse the plan.

If correct, Mr Sonoda's proposed journey to Peking will more than perturb his hosts in Moscow.

During the past five years Soviet leaders, and diplomats in Tokyo, have exerted tremendous pressure to dissuade Japan from concluding a peace treaty with China, particularly one which should contain an "anti-hegemony" clause.

In an apparent attempt to soften the blow, Mr Sonoda is reported to have informed Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister in Moscow tonight that the proposed Sino-Japanese peace treaty was not directed against the Soviet Union or a third country.

Sharp discussion: Mr Sonoda and Mr Kosygin had a sharp discussion in the Kremlin today during which each repeated his country's position, Japanese officials were quoted as telling Associated Press in Moscow.

Mr Sonoda, who met for an hour with the Soviet Prime Minister, also handed him a personal letter for President Brezhnev from Mr Fukuda.

The officials would not be drawn into describing the atmosphere here except to say there had been a "sharp discussion on the fundamental differences between the two countries".

Earlier Mr Sonoda had ended his two days of talks with Mr Gromyko. His meeting with Mr Kosygin was his last formal sessionbefore leaving the Soviet Union tomorrow to continue a five-nation tour.



Peace games: Miss Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the late American President, misses a frisbee during a demonstration of the game by the Kennedy children at a teachers' training college in China.

Interpreter's errors blamed on lack of advance text

From Bernard Gwertzman
Washington, Jan 10

Mr Steven Seymour, whose interpreting slips dominated much of the news during President Carter's visit to Poland, has come forward to discuss what happened, to save, in his words, "some poor interpreter in the future from such embarrassment".

His main remedy, the Russian-born Mr Seymour said, would be to ensure that interpreters are given advance texts of presidential statements and that they are not forced, as he was, to stand in a freezing rain for two hours. But the 31-year-old New Yorker acknowledged that he had made mistakes, although he feels that his overall "good job" in Warsaw was overlooked in the press.

It is a poignant story. Despite the intensive publicity given his mistakes on December 29 when Mr Carter arrived in Warsaw, Mr Seymour said that he had no idea that he had done anything but a good job until the morning of December 31 when an American journalist approached him at the airport and asked: "Are you Steven Seymour, the interpreter who made some inaccuracies?"

The day after the errors, Mr Seymour interpreted for Mr Carter in his private meeting with Mr Gierek, the Polish party leader, and after lunch interpreted for the American side in a larger meeting with Polish officials at which the President and Mr Gierek did most of the talking.

While he was doing these assignments, a storm had developed in the United States, fed by news accounts of Mr Seymour's reported mistakes at the arrival ceremony. He was ridiculed and the State Department was embarrassed by the publicity.

The mistakes, to his mind, were not "major". He acknowledged that for Mr Carter's expression about leaving Washington, he chose the verb that has the implication of "abandoning" a place. As to Mr Carter's comments about "desires", instead of using a Polish word with neutral connotations, he chose one that is used to describe sexual desire.

In his defence, he offers two factors: the weather and the lack of an advance text of Mr Carter's remarks.

"I was proud of what I had done under such a difficult situation," he said. "I was proud of what I had done because my face was cold, my hands numb, and I was soaked. What did me in was the lack of text, and the absolutely dismal conditions." Asked his reaction, he said: "Who would not be depressed?"

But the State Department has been sympathetic. Mr Seymour said that on January 5 he was given an assignment to act as an interpreter for two Soviet doctors in New York.—New York Times News Service.

Chile silent on Argentine reaction to award

From Florencia Varas
Santiago, January 10

The Chilean government has decided to make no statement over reports that Argentina has rejected an arbitration award granting Chile sovereignty over three disputed islands off Tiera del Fuego.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that although the situation was being reviewed in the light of information from Argentina, Chile would wait until an official announcement by Buenos Aires due on February 2, before making a formal reply.

The Ministry added that it seemed unlikely that the Argentine Government would not accept the rating of an "international court proposed by both countries and sanctioned by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth".

There has also been no official reaction to the Argentine junta's dispatch of its High Seas Fleet for "operational exercises" in the far south.

But despite the official silence, Chilean garrisons in the south have been reinforced over the past three weeks in answer to an increased Argentine naval presence in the area.

The dispute between the two military regimes over ownership of the islands of Picton, Lennox and Nueva at the mouth of the Beagle Channel began more than 100 years ago.

Eventually the two countries agreed to submit the dispute to an international court of arbitration appointed by the British Crown, which recently ruled in Chile's favour.

Señor Julio Phillipi, a lawyer who represented Chile before the tribunal, said today that there was no possibility of any kind of negotiation over the Beagle ruling. "The decisions of the international courts have the same validity as international treaties and none of the m can be disregarded on a unilateral basis", he said.

Drought in Australian outback brings heavy financial losses

From Douglas Aiton
Melbourne, Jan 10

The drought affecting outback areas of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria has become so serious that Mr Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, the Queensland Premier, has sought the cooperation of all churches in setting aside January 15 as a day of prayer for rain.

"There is no sign of the drought ending", he said. "We are reminded of our dependence on God's blessing for our protection and general well-being."

So far it is estimated that the drought will cost Australia $A1,000m (over £500m) this year unless there is a dramatic and unexpected change in weather conditions. Already dry weather has cost about $A400m in lost income because of a shrunken dry wheat harvest.

Great belts across southern and eastern Australia have empty dams, shrivelled crops and weakening stock. Mr David Trebeck, executive director of the Australian woolgrowers' and graziers' council, gave the figure of $A1,000m for the year if rain does not come in three months.

Graziers are shooting cattle in New South Wales and Queensland to save feed for the rest of their dwindling herds. Hay reserves are running dangerously low and prices have trebled.

At the moment it is approaching the height of summer and the weather bureau is pessimistic about the chances of a break in the drought before autumn. Rainfall figures show that many parts of New South Wales have been through their driest second half of the year this century. It will take drenching rain, well above average, to halt the damage.

Nearly 100,000 square miles of Queensland, which is 14 per cent of the state, have now been declared drought stricken. South Australia has received rain recently, but it came too late to help restore burnt-off pastures and crops.

In Victoria, the state government has declared nine shires drought areas so that farmers can receive financial benefits and transport subsidies by fodder. No emergency has been declared for domestic water supplies as the big cities are not in the drought areas.

Art works once banned by Russians sold to US

Moscow, Jan 10.—Two American art dealers today completed a shopping trip during which they won official approval to export works by Soviet painters including those once forcibly barred from exhibiting in the Soviet Union.

Mr Jonathan Showe and his wife, Yelena, said they signed a two-year contract with Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga, the foreign trade agency, giving them "total choice" of Soviet works of art.

Mrs Showe, a Russian-speaking art historian, said she believed the Gallery they plan to open this winter in Pittsburgh will be the world's first devoted exclusively to contemporary Soviet art.

"The Soviet authorities were very cooperative, even eager to help us", Mrs Showe said. "We met everyone we asked to meet and all the works we wanted to buy were approved for export."

These included oil paintings by Vladimir Nemukhin, etchings by Dmitri Plavinsky and various graphics by Otari Kandaurov, three of the country's best known nonconformist artists.

They are members of a group of artists who became targets of official repression after Nikita Khrushchev's pronouncement in 1962 that abstract art looks as if it were "daubed with the tail of an ass".—UPI.

Critical publisher shot dead in Nicaragua

Managua, Jan 10.—Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, publisher of the newspaper *La Prenza* and long opposed to the dictatorship of General Anastasio Somoza, was shot dead today in Managua, the managing editor of his newspaper said.

Señor Danilo Aguirre Solis said that Señor Chamorro, aged 53, was shot 18 times from a car by three unknown people who pulled up and opened fire with machine-guns

Despite being imprisoned for his views, Señor Chamorro was an outspoken supporter of press freedom and in 1977 won the Maria Moors Cabot prize awarded by Columbia University for distinguished journalism in Latin America.—AP.

Kenya summons envoy to explain Shah's statement

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Jan 10

Dr Munyua Waiyaki, the Kenyan Foreign Minister, summoned Mr Ahamad Tavakoli, the Iranian Ambassador, today to express concern about a recent reported statement of the Shah supporting Somalia in the conflict with Ethiopia.

Dr Waiyaki suggested the Shah was encouraging the Somali view of a "greater Somalia" which includes parts of northern Kenya, as well as the Ogaden in Ethiopia.

Mr Tavakoli said the Shah had been quoted out of context, and regarded negotiation as the best way of ending the Somalia-Ethiopia dispute. However, he added that Iran would not remain "indifferent" if Somalia asked for help in the case of a threat to its borders.

Vienna, Jan 10.—Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, is now totally encircled by separatist insurgents, an Austrian doctor who has just returned from the besieged city reported. Dr Leo Niederreiter and his wife were repatriated from Asmara, where he worked for 24 years, after they were seriously injured by looters. He said basic commodities could now only be brought in by air and food was running out.—Agence France-Presse.

Cairo, Jan 10.—A spokesman for the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF-PLF) said today that Ethiopian jets using napalm have killed 7,000 people in six Eritrean villages over the past three days.

Mr Muhammad Osman Abu-Bakr, secretary of the ELF-PLF, said that the raids had been carried out by Cubans flying Soviet-built MiG 21 fighters, and appealed to the United Nations to intervene.—Reuter.

Americans agree terms over Korean witness

Seoul, Jan 10.—The United States and South Korea signed a mutual prosecution assistance agreement today, completing final preparation for questioning Mr Tongsun Park, a central figure in alleged Korean bribery in Washington.

A statement said: "The representatives of the Korean and United States justice ministries, prior to signing of the mutual prosecution assistance agreement, held careful discussion on methods and procedures for interviewing Mr Tongsun Park in the United States Embassy, the place and methods for interrogating Mr Tongsun Park in Seoul and such other procedures for the implementation of the mutual prosecution assistance agreement as were required."

British police team to help reorganize Hongkong force

By Stewart Tendler

The former head of Scotland Yard's fraud squad and two other senior officers are being sent to Hongkong this month to examine the colony's police force, which is beset by corruption.

The team has been requested by Sir Murray Maclehose, Governor of Hongkong, who came to Britain to discuss the situation at the end of last year. Mr James Crane, head of the fraud squad until 1976 and now the Inspector of Constabulary in Wales and the South-west, will arrive in Hongkong on January 17.

He will have with him Chief Superintendent Alfred Wallen, his staff officer at the Home Office, and Chief Superintendent Eric Humphrey, who has been working on career and staff planning at Scotland Yard.

The three men are expected to spend between three and four months in the colony, giving advice on discipline, staff management and morale. They will look at standards of recruitment and relations between the police and the Independent Commission Against Corruption in Hongkong.

For several years the commission has been fighting extensive corruption within the police force, which numbers nearly 20,000.

Estimates in the past year have suggested that up to 80 per cent of the force is or was involved in corruption and in November last year 200 policemen were under suspension. The work of the commission provoked some members of the police force to attack its headquarters last autumn and run riot.

An amnesty was announced and since then talks have been held to see what will happen next.

Tea smugglers jailed by Uganda tribunal

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Jan 10

Two traders in Uganda have been jailed by a military tribunal for trying to smuggle one and a half tons of tea from Uganda into the Sudan. One man was jailed for 11 years, and the other for five years, Uganda radio reported today.

Large quantities of Ugandan coffee, tea and other produce have been moved illegally into neighbouring countries during the past year, despite Ugandan efforts to force the trade into legal channels.

Ugandan currency is so discredited that people take great risks to obtain hard currency outside the country.

Warehouse wrecked

Bombs planted by two armed youths exploded in a toy warehouse near the centre of Belfast yesterday, destroying thousands of pounds' worth of children's toys and prams.

Verdict adds to confusion in Indian lands case

From Michael Leapman
New York, Jan 10

A confusing verdict by a Boston jury last week added further uncertainty to the outcome of court actions by American Indians concerning thousands of acres of disputed land.

The Indians claim that the land, which in some cases has been in white ownership for decades, was illegally taken from them in the nineteenth century.

The Boston case concerned the Wampanoag Indians of Mashpee, Massachusetts. They claimed that 11,000 acres, worth $36m (£15.8m) in the fashionable Cape Cod resort, were by rights theirs, since their transfer to white ownership violated the federal Non-Intercourse Act of 1790.

This Act stipulated that all land deals with Indian tribes should be completed only with the consent of Congress in Washington. Lawyers for non-Indians in Mashpee argued that the Wampanoags could not be considered a tribe, since they had agreed to accept the law of the colonial settlers in the seventeenth century.

The jury were asked to rule on the question of whether the Wampanoags were a tribe during crucial stages of their history. Their verdict was that they were not a tribe either at the time of the passage of the Non-Intercourse Act or when they brought the present case in 1976, though they had been a tribe for a while between those dates.

Both sides had supported their case with evidence from anthropologists and historians, who had differed diametrically on most points as academics from those disciplines habitually do. The judge refused to make a ruling on the basis of the jury's verdicts, which will be contested as inconsistent by lawyers for the Indians.

Mr Frederick Turner, editor of *The North American Indian Reader*, has argued in *The New York Times* that the tribal issue is full of ambiguity. The European settlers came to America with fixed ideas of how societies should be organized politically, he says, and thus tried to impose the concept of leadership on tribes who had not previously felt they needed leaders.

This was convenient for the settlers, because it gave them someone to deal with, Mr Turner adds. It did, however, distort and in many cases destroy the tribal structure, and thus crucially affects arguments about whether tribes exist.

The Mashpee case is by no means the largest Indian land dispute going through the courts. In Maine, the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians are claiming 12,500,000 acres—nearly two thirds of the entire state. A representative of President Carter recommended a settlement of 100,000 acres, plus a payment of $25m, but this was rejected by both sides.

In Charlestown, Rhode Island, the Narragansett Indians are suing for 3,200 acres. In New York, the St Regis Mohawks and the Cayugas have begun negotiations with state and federal authorities on their claim for 275,000 acres in the northern part of the state. They cannot expect to get anything like that amount, but would settle for part, plus a cash payment.

Mr Jeremiah Jochnowitz, an assistant attorney general in New York, commented: "These cases would be laughed out of court if they were brought 30 years ago, but the temper of the times has changed."

The trouble is that, as long as the cases remain undecided, non-Indian people who live on the disputed territories find it hard to dispose of their property or to raise mortgages. Whatever deceptions were committed against the Indians to acquire the land a hundred or more years ago, it would be unfair on the present landowners if they were made to suffer for them.

Nevertheless, it is now widely accepted that in many cases Indians were cheated out of their land at the time of the big European settlements in America, and that some redress ought to be made. This is the heart of the issue; quibbling about when a tribe is not a tribe is absorbing for lawyers and scholars, but does not settle much.

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Guest Column

What it means to be a Liberal

It is 23 years since I first stood in local government elections, 15 since I became a Liberal parliamentary candidate. Listening to the party Cassandras I might be excused for thinking I have wasted my time.

But I don't think I have. And if all active Liberals—pro or anti-pact, gauche (in both senses) or à droit (ditto)—would stop criticizing their colleagues for a moment (or preferably longer) and asked the same question of themselves, I think they would give the same answer. And they would give it for the same reason: that quite apart from parliamentary success, there are things that need to be said, and often only Liberals will say them.

Even the most recent opinion polls show that about three million people want to vote Liberal; most of them because Liberalism represents not a manifesto, but an attitude of mind.

What is that attitude? Let me answer that with examples from my own experience.

I started in 1962, as candidate for East Herts. Many of my constituents were Italians. Stories of overcrowding, lack of hygiene, noise, etc, were rife. I asked publicly for examples. I got precisely one. The real problem was the language barrier, particularly among the elderly. Backed by Liberal councillors I pressed for special classes in English language and customs. A small thing, yes, but it gave me great pleasure to hear a Tory councillor boasting about the scheme at a summer school in Cambridge years later.

A different aspect of prejudice occurred in the Cambridge by-election a year ago. For the first time we had a National Front candidate. Both my Tory and Labour opponents refused to appear with him on the same platform: I wanted to, because I knew that either I would win or the meeting would be broken up by Front supporters (which comes to the same thing).

I made a point of going on speaking in the market square when the Front marched past, because I wanted people to see where I stood. I got 13.3 per cent of the votes, the National Front got 1.8 per cent. You can't disinfect prejudice by condemning it: you must be prepared to act and to argue, even at the risk of getting physically hurt.

Some years ago I helped produce a Liberal "Plan for East Anglia". Ignored at the time, many of its points have been belatedly taken up. I became totally convinced of the inevitability of regional government when I became a member of the local community health council, and realized that a regionally devolved Health Service is a viable possibility (because the decision makers can actually consult each other and those likely to be affected), while the present "reorganized" NHS is doomed, like a dinosaur, to collapse from overweight and organizational arthritis.



The author of this week's guest column has fought in six Parliamentary elections, as a Liberal, five of them in Cambridge. A lecturer in mathematics, he has served on the executive and council of the Liberal Party and on its technology and education panels, and sits as a Liberal councillor on South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Liberals should hammer the fact that we are *already administered* regionally in nearly every field—without the power to control the administrators. It is also worth reflecting that three of our EEC partners have populations smaller than the average English region, as do most American states.

We believe that this closeness between governors and governed creates a society which is different in kind from ours; but it has another benefit. Wherever power is devolved, more people become involved. I believe that this dependence on many people is the freedom which the party constitution emphasizes. *Freedom to contribute* skills, ideas and hopes: the right not to be ignored.

But freedom is no use without shelter or work. In my twenties I spent three years unemployed because of ill health, and I know of no way of living (outside prison) more likely to do permanent damage to the individual concerned.

There are good theoretical arguments for *full employment, some social, some* economic. Of course there are. But our duty to find work for everyone who wants it arises not because of the effect on society but because we care about every single person without work.

Here is another Liberal theme which applies equally to housing: the grand design may work tomorrow—let's hope it will—but the satisfaction of global planning must not shut our ears to any single person in need today.

For the same reason Liberals see the Third World in terms not of power blocks or economic security but of men, women and children for whom survival is their only activity; to whom British "poverty" is riches, and the trimmings of democracy an expensive fringe activity. Being concerned with the misfortunes of others outside one's own circle or country *isn't natural, and there are no votes to* be won: but if we ceased to be concerned for that reason, we would also have ceased to be Liberals.

Our concern over injustice should also be a concern for individuals. We need to seek out people in prison or in danger, and try to help them personally. For I believe that no reform, no change of heart by governments, is permanent, unless it is based on the plight of individuals, clothing the abstract argument for reform with the flesh and blood of human suffering.

These are the things that matter to me, and to many other Liberals, who won't be altered in their course by any special assembly—though it may make life more difficult. That is why I appeal to David Steel, and to his opponents, not to get so obsessed with the short-term arguments that they start to muddy the Liberal vision with the stain of unenlightened self-interest. Personally I believe that the pact was in the national interest, but no longer is. I may be wrong in that. But I know I am not wrong about the need for the Liberal vision in Britain today. And I don't think I've been wasting my time.

Michael O'Loughlin

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Children's Books

On the trail of the most tempting titles

Nineteen-seventy-seven has been a record year for British publishing. Despite increases in production costs and overheads at one end of the line, and factors which ought to make for reduced demand at the other, more books were published in Great Britain in 1977 than ever before. The trade journal, the *Bookseller*, which keeps a tally of these things, says that, in all, 36,322 individual titles were issued, of which 8,638 were reprints or new editions.

Nobody has yet tried to account for this apparent boom when, by rights, a slump should be upon us, but if the analysts do attempt an explanation they ought perhaps to consider some less easily obtainable statistics. If we were to compare 1977 with that earlier record year of 1937, for instance, what would be the difference in the global totals of all *books* printed rather than all *titles*? And of this total, what would be the difference between the quantity of full-price hardbacks and cheap series or paperbacks? For such are the peculiarities of contemporary publishing economics—arising out of the even greater *peculiarities of company* taxation—that many new hardbacks are today published in short print-runs, to sell out quickly and make room for subsequent long-run paper-back editions. (Others—and this is another new factor—may appear in longer print-runs, but priced in such a way as to allow a rapid bulk sale to the remainder merchants, to go on to the "amazing bargain" counters in the Charing Cross Road.)

Certainly the dominance of paperback and remainder book-selling is one of the characteristic features of the general book-trade at the moment and it's pretty much in tune with our supermarket mentality. Those people who nurture an affection for individual books as not absolutely dead things will be unimpressed by racking and binning procedures which enable them, as one mass-market pioneer once famously remarked, "to be sold like soap". Where strict canons of production and format prevail (every book in the series to have 64 glossy pages; every volume to measure 18 x 11 centimetres) it's hardly likely that either customers or counter-assistants will make much distinction between one item or another.

This view is to some extent borne out by a modest, and highly unscientific, experiment on children's paperbacks that I've recently carried out with one of my (oldish) children and a group of very ordinary book-shops. For—carried along on the rising tide of moderation children's books too have had a record year in 1977 (2,813 titles, according to the *Bookseller*, including 526 reprints and new editions), and it crossed my mind that it would be instructive to get an idea of how easily the general public might come by a few recommended paperbacks from among this massive output in an area not exceptional in the provision of bookshops.

The first point to register here is the very low proportion of children's books among remainder stocks—most small bookshops tending to rely on cheap mass-marketed items for the hardback core of their stock—Hilda Boswell's *Nursery Rhymes*, say or large "flats" with pictures of Our Animal Friends in them. The second point is the enormous preponderance of paperbacks, which are now the standard form in which many children come to own books for themselves. (It is probably true that—with various obvious exceptions—most new hardbacks for children are bought exclusively by school and public libraries and that publisher's pricing and planning of editions for sale in Britain is based upon just such an expectation, with follow-up possibilities in the hands of book-clubs and paperback-men.)

In drawing up a selection of recommended new paperbacks, therefore, we were faced with an embarrassment of titles—if not riches. And in picking a small group of books whose "personality" has survived in paperback form we have tried to represent some of the main paperback publishers (but excluding those who simply construct a list out of the books which they issue in hardback). We also tried to represent the spread of books available, setting out to choose titles that might be enjoyed in a family with children aged between four and fourteen. Our short list was:

My Uncle Charlie, by Marjorie Darke, illustrated by Jannat Houston (Puffin, 50p), a picture book that had been planned for this format and not cramped down to it, as has occurred with many books of greater consequence.

The Gingerbread Rabbit by Randall Jarrell, illustrated by Garth Williams (Fontana Lions, 45p), a cheerfully cosy story—somewhat overdone — for younger children.

Rhyme Time by Barbara Ireson, illustrated by Leslie Smith (Beaver, 60p), an excellent anthology, planned as a paperback and actually better as such than in the rather pretentious hardback edition published later.

A Traveller in Time by Alison Uttley, *illustrated by Faith* Jaques (Puffin, 65p), the best buy of the year. Whoever could believe that something created so naturally as a book is convertible into a television programme?

The House in Norham Gardens by Penelope Lively (Pan Piccolo 50p), a layered, subtle fantasy—a development of the *tradition in which* Miss Uttley's book is found.

The Piccolo Bicycle Book by Richard Ballantine (Pan Piccolo 60p), a well-planned piece of original non-fiction in paperback.

Having singled out these recommendations from a year's output of children's paperbacks, we sallied forth on a brief survey of some local booksellers in East Hertfordshire to see how easy it might be for anyone following up the recommendations to gain—if not the books themselves—at least some helpful directions. (After all, this was the national post-Christmas twilight, when bookshop attendants, let alone their stocks, might be exhausted. On the other hand though, it was the start of the book-token spending season.)



Is this a picture from *The Gingerbread Rabbit*, or is Garth Williams portraying a hard-pressed mum trying to find a copy of the book somewhere in East Herts?

The result of our survey was not wildly reassuring. Altogether we visited six local bookshops—just about the sum total between Waltham Abbey and Ware—and although, by the end of our journeying, we might have culled five out of our six books (nobody had Rhyme Time) they were very sparsely scattered and we met with some odd reactions. At two shops, for instance, neither of which had *any* of the books on our list, we were actually dissuaded from trying to buy them. ("We only order in bulk and can't guarantee delivery of these titles." "We'll have to wait for the rep. and he won't be round four or five weeks; why don't you choose something different?"), and at other shops, where some stock was held, there was willingness to help but hardly enthusiasm—and not always a very professional knowledge. One shop assiduously looked the books up in an outdated catalogue and told us they weren't available; another, which had three of our wanted items, engaged us in a long and amiable conversation about the other three, but said that delivery would take a long time because publishers were stock-taking for the next four weeks; and the best shop of all, which had four of the books and a most helpful assistant, rather blemished itself by excusing the total lack of Beaver Books on the grounds that they had been taken over by Puffins!

Given the sheer quantity of new books and paperbacks that many of these shops have to cope with, it is, I suppose, understandable that they have little awareness of, or care for, odd, cheap, individual titles. Nevertheless, if we had been eager, but inexperienced parents, or children, we would not have met with the kind of engaged or knowledgeable response that would have encouraged us to become ardent book-buyers. Moreover, the tendency among bookshop staff to regard their stock as so much undifferentiated pabulum is particularly depressing. The notion that any one poetry anthology equals any other, or the *Yours Ever, Sam Pig* will do instead of *A Traveller in Time*, because both are by the same author, is selling books not so much like soap as like processed cheese.

Brian Alderson

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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of December 1977 presented to the said Court by Rogers Limited whose registered office is situate at Collet House, Stephens Gate, Norwich.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 23rd day of January, 1978, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition, may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division In the Matter of PARAMBE Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

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PARLIAMENT, January 10, 1978

Mr Foot envisages talks with TUC to seek common approach on future pay policy

House of Commons

There was considerable time for the Government to have talks with the TUC and the Government should try to produce a common approach to future problems on pay policy, Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council, said at question time when he deputized for the Prime Minister.

The exchanges on pay policy began when Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) referred, amid laughter, to " the new husky, sexy voice of the Leader of the Opposition on matters such as pay policy ". He asked Mr Foot if with his well-known opposition to statutory incomes policy he agreed with Mrs Thatcher's line.

Mr Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—I would much rather agree with Mr Skinner about pay policy than with the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Teesside, Thornaby, Lab)—Conflicting and confusing statements recently by Sir Geoffrey Howe (East Surrey, C), Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr James Prior (Lowestoft, C) on pay policy and industrial relations show how much they are out of touch with trade union thinking.

Can we be assured that discussions with the TUC on the next round of pay policy will begin shortly with the TUC so agreement can be reached by the Government with them in due course ?

Mr Foot—We should be fair to Mrs Thatcher. She did not take Sir Geoffrey, the shadow Chancellor, to Scotland and that seems to be a sign that he is to be let off the leash only in the Home Counties. (Laughter.) She is wise.

There is considerable time for the Government to have discussions with the TUC and I am sure we should try to produce a common approach to problems of the future on pay policy.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—Would not the TUC have expected Mr Foot to have given Mr Skinner a rather more frank and honest reply ? Is Mr Foot finally free of that hang-up he used to have of supporting free collective bargaining ? Will the Government let that become totally Tory policy and that of Mr Skinner also ? (Laughter.)

Mr Foot—I still hold to the same views I have held about this—(Conservative cries of " Oh ! " and laughter)—all along. I am sorry the same cannot be said for either Mrs Thatcher or Mr Tebbit who was once a supporter of a statutory incomes policy. That accusation cannot be made against me.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Kingston upon Hull, Central, Lab)—Did Mr Foot read today's report in *The Guardian* on the interview with the general secretary-elect of the Transport and General Workers' Union ? Will Mr Foot draw to the attention of Cabinet colleagues the need to get back to free collective bargaining ?

Mr Foot—I accept the importance of the article. We have always said we believe there should be an orderly return to free collective bargaining. But we believe the agreements we have made over the past six months can be of assistance in that purpose.

In designing a future policy that article and the views expressed by Mr Moss Evans and others will be taken into account.

Sir Keith Joseph, chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Leeds, North-East, C)—Do not the Government *think it right and* necessary to enable skilled people to earn skilled pay ?

Mr Foot—It is, Sir Keith is a convert in these matters. He was taken to Scotland even though he was not allowed to open his mouth there.

Sir Keith Joseph—I was.

Mr Foot—Maybe he did, but he did not put his foot in it this time, so nobody noticed. (Laughter.)

I still hold the same view that there should be no statutory policy and that is the Government's policy. Therefore, Sir Keith, who has wavered this way and that in this matter, should not seek to be so severe in his criticism of those who have been as consistent as I.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—Will Mr Foot explain to me and other simple souls like me what the Chancellor (Mr Denis Healey) was on about when he was talking about a Stage Four and the possibility of some statutory incomes policy in the future ? Who is he speaking for ? Is it himself or the Government ? He is not speaking for the Labour Party.

Mr Foot—The Chancellor and others have spoken on what discussions we believe should take place in preparation for policies for the future. That does not mean the Government in any sense whatever is seeking to commit itself in any sense whatever on any future date—(Laughter)—to any form of statutory incomes policy. We are opposed to a statutory policy.

Newspaper story not contempt of House

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) ruled that disclosure of parts of a select committee report before publication but after its presentation to the House was not a contempt of the House but he strongly deprecated the inconvenience caused and would draw the matter to the attention of the appropriate authorities to consider whether changes should be made.

The Speaker said that yesterday Mr John Ellis (Brigg and Scunthorpe, Lab) had raised the question of disclosure in *The Observer* of parts of the report of the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries before its official publication.

As he (Mr Ellis) had himself acknowledged, the report had been technically presented to the House on December 15 last.

In these circumstances the publication of a report or part of it is not a contempt of the House. The situation is described in Erskine May which also states the practice that when a report has been presented, members of the House should be the first to be informed.

Although I am unable to rule that Mr Ellis has raised a matter of privilege which should be given priority over the orders of the day, nonetheless I strongly deprecate the inconvenience caused and the discourtesy shown to the House by any person, whether an MP or not, who publishes any part of a select committee report before it is officially printed and available to MPs.

This situation is made possible as a result of procedures agreed to by the House which I cannot alter, but I gladly accept Mr Ellis's suggestion that I should draw to the attention of the appropriate authorities the need to consider whether some changes or modifications should be made in those procedures.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 3.30: Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill.

Promise to consider pleas on behalf of kidney machine users

The Government would welcome an appeal to the National Insurance Commissioner against the Attendance Allowance Board's refusal to pay the allowance to patients who dialyse on two days a week instead of three, Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, said.

Mr Anthony Newton (Braintree, C) had asked what recent representations the Secretary of State for Social Services had received from the British Kidney Patients Association concerning kidney machines and attendance allowance.

Mr Orme (Salford, West, Lab)—The President of the British Kidney Patients Association wrote to the department on July 27. It would not be proper to have an inquiry into the criteria used by the Attendance Allowance Board as it is an independent statutory authority.

If a claimant considers that a decision on review by the board is erroneous in law he can apply for leave to appeal to the National Insurance Commissioner on that question of law.

Mr Newton—Great hardship and anxiety is being caused by the decision of the Attendance Allowance Board to refuse to pay the allowance to patients who dialyse on two days a week instead of three.

This appears to be a direct disincentive to the most efficient use of these machines when people are dying for want of them. If the Attendance Allowance Board cannot be persuaded to change its mind, he should change the law.

Mr Orme—He has put his finger on the point that if this is unsatisfactory some change of law would be necessary. Meanwhile the Government would welcome an appeal to the National Insurance Commissioner on this proposal. This is a highly respected independent board which has given a number of reasons for its decision. I would advise any patient who is dissatisfied to appeal.

Mr Philip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab)—I have a constituent who has already lost her appeal on this point. She dialyses twice a week and is on the machine for exactly the same time as if using it three times a week.

Will he bear in mind the intense hardship of such people and those who care for them ? They are being forced either to use hospital dialysis or literally to wear out their bodies by going back to dialysis three times a week.

Mr Orme—I take his point fully. It raises the question of whether or not the attendance allowance is a suitable benefit for such patients following the board's decision. In that respect, the Government would be prepared to examine this position, but without commitment at this stage.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, chief Opposition spokesman on social services (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C)—When he said he would welcome an appeal so that the matter could be tested, did he have in mind the appeal of Mr Whitehead's constituent ? Is he suggesting that another appeal might have this effect or is he prepared to act on the result of the appeal already heard ?

Mr Orme—My information to date is that no appeal has been made to the National Commissioner himself, but I will examine this point following Mr Whitehead's statement.

Mr Michael Mates (Petersfield, C)—In another matter of similar type his department is appealing against a decision by the Commissioner.

Mr Orme—The appeal will be on a point of law. It is an interpretation. Following that we would obviously have to accept the decision, whichever way it went, on a point of law.

At the same time, we would want to examine this matter more fully.

Consultants' contract to lay emphasis on full-time NHS work

The Commons would not expect that the medical profession or any other group within the NHS should be exempt from the general pay rules that cover the population as a whole, Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services (Norwich, North, Lab) said during questions about the consultants' contract.

He said—In January last year I agreed to the starting of talks with the British Medical Association on a without commitment basis, about the principles of a new medical contract. Formal negotiations and implementation were to be deferred until pay policy permitted. They accepted and submitted proposals for a new contract.

Discussions between officials and representatives of the medical profession commenced in February, and became formal negotiations in August with the end of Stage Two of pay policy.

A substantial measure of agreement has been reached, but a number of issues remain to be resolved. My aim is to secure agreement on a contract that is both fair to consultants and in the best interests of the NHS and its patients.

Mr John MacGregor (South Norfolk, C)—Will the consultants' contract allow them to act as they wish in their non-contractual hours ? Many consultants are now receiving pay substantially below junior hospital doctors working below them. (Labour interruptions.)

New consultants are having to accept substantial reductions in pay to achieve promotion. As the review body pointed out yesterday, there are great injustices between doctors and dentists' pay. Will he sort them out

Mr Ennals—Anomalies have resulted from the application of the pay policy. It affects people in all walks of life. The Government's pay guidelines must be as much applicable to the medical profession as to other sections of society.

These are issues the review body is looking at carefully.

Dr Maurice Miller (east Kilbride, Lab)—He should resist any attempts by consultants to bring about a situation which will reduce incentive payments to consultants who work full-time in the NHS. (Some Labour cheers.) He should also take on board the possibility that he should consider full-time work in the NHS as being the norm, and the abnormal should be those people who only do part-time work.

Mr Ennals—Yes. I am quite determined in these negotiations to ensure any new contract continues to recognize the primacy of the whole-time commitment to the NHS. It would be wrong for any new contract to discourage an increase in the number of full-time consultants.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, chief Opposition spokesman on social services (Reading, South, C)—We welcome the report published yesterday by the doctors' and dentists' pay review body. If, in their forthcoming study, the review body recommend a phased programme of restoring doctors' and dentists' pay to the appropriate relationship with other professional bodies they previously had, and that does not conflict with pay policy, will the Government accept it and guarantee to do it, as they have done with the firemen ?

Mr Ennals—We have to wait to see what is the report of the review body which will become available around April. The interim report they made at the request of the BMA was welcomed by the Government in many ways.

It recognized the importance of the 12-month rule—that we greatly welcome. They understand the attitude the Government take towards the guidelines.

I am certain the House would not expect that the medical profession or any other group within the NHS should be exempted from the general rules that cover the population as a whole.

BBC external programmes

On questions about the United Nations, Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) asked Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council, *who was deputizing for the* Prime Minister—If the Prime Minister addresses the United Nations, will Mr Foot persuade him to tell them that this House and the British people attach the greatest importance to the political independence of the BBC ?

There will be no support here for instructions from the United Nations or anywhere else as to how the BBC should conduct its external programmes.

Mr Foot—The BBC is an autonomous body in these matters. It should retain that position. There is no proposal by the Government that that should be changed in any sense. Our support for the general resolution against apartheid does not mean any abandonment of that *central principle.*

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab)—Will the Prime Minister attend the United Nations special session on disarmament in May ? Is it helpful now to announce a 15 per cent increase in arms spending ? Do Mr Foot and his Cabinet colleagues remember their pledge to the electorate at the last General Election to cut arms spending ?

Mr Foot—The *Prime Minister will* be able to answer for himself the question about appearing before the disarmament committee of the United Nations. Mr Allaun should await the defence White Paper

Minister rejects Tory demand for Commons check on Scottish Assembly spending

When the committee stage of the Scotland Bill was resumed, Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C) *moved an amendment to Clause 42* (Establishment and management of Scottish funds) to require the Secretary of State to lay accounts before Parliament on or before April 1 each year.

Our prime object (he said) is financial accountability. I would like to see a situation where if a Scottish Assembly is set up the Public Accounts Committee would be able to go through line by line the way in which the assembly *spends* the money which we give it.

If the accounts were laid before the Commons, MPs would have the right to scrutinize and criticize. It could say that the assembly had wasted money last year and it would not get a penny for the same thing next year. That was the sanction being sought.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said that he wondered if they had any idea of the difficulties of setting up a separate Comptroller and Auditor-General's department in Scotland.

They were facing impossible issues of public expenditure.

The amendment highlighted the possibilities for a marvellous exploitation of grievances and would help the SNP down a road which he did not wish to travel.

Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L) said his constituents had anxiety that a Scottish Parliament would raid their oil funds, either directly or indirectly, by attempting to cut down allocations because of the existence of those funds. The oil funds would be needed to restore the economy of Orkney and Shetland as the oil ran down.

Mr Graham Page (Crosby, C) said all the responsibilities of the Secretary of State to come to the House for certain orders and consents were very piecemeal. The *amendment was asking that* Parliament be given an overall picture by an annual account.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab) said the simple laying of accounts before the House of Commons did nothing to guarantee the matter would be debated or that there would be any control over it. He would be happier if the amendment asked not only that accounts be laid but that they be debated by the House.

Miss Harvie Anderson (West Renfrewshire, C) said if they were to deny the amendment they were simply going to deny further to the public the fact that the House believed in public accountability. For that reason she suggested the Government would be wise to accept it.

They were creating in the Bill conflict perhaps more acutely in the region of Treasury control, or lack of it, than in any other area.

Mr Douglas Crawford (Perth and East Perthshire, Scot Nat) said the amendment sought to give additional powers to this Parliament when the movers of it voted against this before Christmas. Was it a case of new instructions from the Leader of the Opposition ? Had the Grand Duchess of Finchley marched her troops up the hill only to march them back again after Christmas ? The amendment was foolish and illogical.

Mr Gerald Fowler (The Wrekin, Lab) said he opposed this extraordinary amendment. The proposal was that accounts of the Scottish consolidated fund should be laid before the House. What would be the purpose of that ?

It could only be so that the House should, if the opportunity arose, take the chance of discussing in retrospect elements of Scottish expenditure. That would be a bad principle because it denied devolution.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said that this section of the Bill contained the seeds of the most bitter dislike and resentment between Scotland and England that it would be possible to imply.

Anything they could do to improve the arrangements for understanding and control would be a tiny step in the direction of palliating those seeds of bitterness they were sowing in the Bill. If it made 1 per cent of improvement in the situation he welcomed the amendment.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said the Scottish Assembly, having no responsibility for raising money, was bound in the nature of things to claim more money to spend. That was human nature. In granting the assembly these powers the House was making the assembly in many respects equal to Parliament. This had been brought out recently in a most important article in *The Times*.

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cambridgeshire, C) said the United Kingdom Parliament would provide the money for the Scottish Cabinet and executive and would control the total, but not how it was spent. Harmony and coordination throughout the United Kingdom always an important part of the Government, would be difficult to achieve.

There was no responsibility in the Bill for the people of Scotland or the Scottish executive to raise money and the discrepancy between the different amounts of money going to different parts of the United Kingdom would be shown up in sharp relief.

Difficulties would arise in creating a separate Scottish executive invested with complete control in spending money which it had not raised. That would prove unsatisfactory and possibly disruptive.

The Bill, if enacted, could not work and it could not last. The financial provisions would make their own unhappy contribution to the unworkability of that form of devolution.

Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (Lanark, North, Lab) said that the Government's view was that for devolution to mean anything it must be both executive and legislative.

If people were to be asked to serve on the assembly then it must have considerable power over the affairs of Scotland.

There had to be clear lines of accountability. The Secretary of State would be accountable to Parliament for payments made and for the character of payments made but in the spending of that money the responsibility should lie with the assembly and there should not be another line of accountability to Parliament, as provided by the amendment, because that would lead to a constitutional disaster.

MPs must assume, and it was a reasonable assumption, that the assembly would be responsible in the way it conducted its affairs. The Government wanted to see an assembly which had the capacity and power to carry out the responsibilities given to it.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Tackling the problem of hypothermia in elderly

They should not over-estimate the gravity of the problem of hypothermia cases among old people, Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said.

He added that he was satisfied that in all parts of the country local authorities were well aware of their responsibilities in dealing with the problem of hypothermia.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—Although there has been a recent television advertising campaign which has had a good effect, there are considerable variations in the way that local authorities deal with the problem.

There is a need for much greater public consciousness of the problem so that people can try to look after people in their own roads and streets.

There is an erroneous impression that as a result of the recent mild weather the gravity of this problem, compared with previous years, has diminished. That is wrong.

Mr Ennals—We should not overestimate the gravity of the problem. There is no firm evidence that the incidence of hypothermia among old people is high. In 1976 hypothermia was mentioned on less than 600 death certificates in England and Wales and the majority were elderly people suffering from other conditions in any case.

Quite apart from what the local authorities do, the Health Education Council have renewed their campaign to bring the facts to the attention of the public.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, chief Opposition spokesman on social services (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C)—When the £5 electricity scheme was set up, was it envisaged that all supplementary benefit beneficiaries would get it including young school leavers and many others not responsible for paying any heating bills ? Many people regard it as absurd that the £5 should go to those people when many elderly folk are hard-pressed to pay their fuel bills.

Mr Ennals—Mr Jenkin is referring to a small proportion. That is always the case with the Opposition. They pick on a small proportion and try to make a great thing of it. It is true that where there is a youngster in the family dependent on supplementary benefit it is right that he should make a contribution to the family income.

Everyone getting supplementary benefit or family income supplement will receive in January £5 towards the cost of their electricity *and in addition those whose bill* for one winter quarter exceeds £20 will be eligible for a discount of 25 per cent. I would have thought Mr Jenkin would be praising the Government for taking these measures. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Orme defends the level of benefits

There was far too much criticism that supplementary benefits were too high, Mr Stanley Orme, *Minister for Social Security*, said during question time exchanges. The Government rejected that view.

Mr Wyn Roberts (Conway, C) had asked if Mr Orme was satisfied with the level of supplementary benefits.

Mr Orme (Salford, West, Lab)—Supplementary benefit levels were increased as recently as last November. The Secretary of State for Social Services will be reviewing them again this year as part of *the annual review of social security* benefits.

Mr Roberts—A significant proportion of those in receipt of supplementary benefits, about 250,000, are classified as sick or disabled. The disabled should be given a higher level of benefits than the normal supplementary benefit level or at least there should be an obligatory needs allowance for the disabled.

Mr Orme—We have introduced a number of benefits for the disabled. The supplementary benefit level is the same for all people who apply for it. Their circumstances are taken into account when extra needs or other benefits are needed.

Mrs Helene Hayman (Welwyn and Hatfield, Lab)—Supplementary benefit levels are far too low to bring up a family adequately, particularly when families are dependent on supplementary benefits for a long period. There is an argument for bringing in a new and generous benefit for lone parents.

Mr Orme—I welcome this pressure on the level of benefits. One hears so much criticism that supplementary benefits are too high. We reject that. If people tried to live on them for a few months they would understand what the level was.

We have protected benefits through annual increases which have taken into account the cost of living over recent years and we will continue to do so.

Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C)—There is something painfully unjust about a system that compels too many old age pensioners to struggle desperately to keep their heads above water on the one hand when all the while, as reported last week, a young girl can come to this country from Rhodesia, not do a stroke of work for five years and, in her own words, have a ball on social security. Also reported last week, a gentleman from Limerick *now living in New Cross can get* £98 a week tax free for nine years and has not done a stroke of work.

Mr Orme—The Government have a good record on protecting pensions. In real terms they have increased by more than 20 per cent since the Government came into office.

I am sure the House is getting sick of Mr Sproat picking out individual cases against the millions of justifiable applicants who are entitled to benefits.

Mr William Molloy (Ealing, North, Lab)—What is more important is the press report that Mr Sproat has been attending Conservative women's section meetings and giving them hints as to how to fiddle social security. Ought that not to be deplored ?

Mr Orme—Mr Molloy has sent me a copy of the press article on Mr Sproat's speech at a Conservative Party meeting. I think Mr Sproat was trying to be clever and trying to advise people on how, in his opinion, the system could be beaten.

Quite frankly, with the millions of people that we deal with who are justifiably entitled to benefit, Mr Sproat's efforts would be much more justifiable if he were advising those people who are entitled to benefits but do not claim or get them.

Labour MP leads call for revenue powers

Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab) moved an amendment concerning assembly powers for raising money, under which the Scottish consolidated fund would have three sources of revenue.

There would be the proceeds of personal income tax levied upon Scottish residents and collected by the Inland Revenue. The Scottish Assembly might reduce the rates at which the tax was levied.

There would be 50 per cent of the proceeds of assigned excise taxes levied in Scotland—on tobacco, alcohol, the duties on hydrocarbon oils, betting and gaming. Administration and collection would continue to be the responsibility of the United Kingdom Customs and Excise and the Scottish Assembly would have no power to alter the rates of those taxes.

An equalization payment from the Treasury would be authorized by the Chancellor of the Exchequer if the receipts of personal income tax and the half share of the assigned excise taxes were together more than 10 per cent short of the Scottish proportion of public expenditure. If those sums were greater than the Scottish proportion of public expenditure by 10 per cent or more, the surplus would be paid from the Scottish consolidated fund into the Treasury.

He said there was something basically odd about the Commons providing large sums of money to another assembly which then debated and decided on how it was going to spend them. The key was to produce a sense of responsibility.

If the House wanted to indicate that tax-raising powers were desirable this was the amendment to vote for. If it did not, the message would be taken.

In evidence to the Royal Commission on the Constitution the Inland Revenue pointed out that to hand over the personal tax collected from residents in Scotland would not be a difficult proposition. There was already in Scotland the nucleus of a separate tax administration.

An equalization grant was feasible if the Scottish revenue fell too far short; or if the Scottish revenue was too great there could be a payment back into the United Kingdom exchequer. If the Scottish Assembly decided to reduce income tax it ought not then to be able to claim more out of the United Kingdom Treasury in consequence.

A degree of financial independence was essential if the assembly was going to be a responsible body, was going to fulfil its tasks and if it was not going to be constantly at loggerheads with the central government.

It was perfectly within the competence of the Government to devise such a scheme if it wanted to do so and if it was prepared to override the Treasury veto.

There was no argument on the grounds of destroying central Treasury economic management in this country against these proposals of transfer and marginal alteration of taxes for the Scottish Assembly. What was central was the will of the House.

Those who really wanted the Bill to work had to face the fact that if they wanted devolution they had to give the assembly its own sources of revenue and the right to alter those sources. Without that the scheme was half-baked.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU) said they were setting up a body similar to their own in deriving its authority from the electorate, endowed with power to make law and control the executive. But they proposed in the Bill to say to that creature in their own image " one thing you shall not do, you shall not levy tax ".

Such a structure as that (he said) cannot possibly endure and such a situation cannot for a moment be found to be tolerable.

They were refusing to recognize in the Bill the old axiom that within a unitary state a devolved legislature, with an administration dependent upon it, could not be set up.

Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab) said that to try to superimpose upon an interdependent and integrated United Kingdom economy a disintegration in the form of a different system of taxation for Scotland was a nonsense.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L) said that the Liberals were in favour of revenue raising. The amendment was almost the same as a proposition the Liberals put to the Government in March and April, 1977.

The Liberals had proposed proceeds from income tax and from 12.5 per cent of landed oil revenues, which produced a figure roughly equivalent to the expenditure on devolved services.

Mr Peter Doig (Dundee, West, Lab) said he was sorry his party pledged him to support the Bill at the last election.

No one wants it (he said) yet it looks as though in the end we are going to be landed with it. It is insanity. (Cheers.) This amendment has shown up more than anything else the folly of the Bill.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (North Angus and Mearns, C) said if the assembly was to be responsible and accountable then MPs would have to consider whether some form of revenue-raising power was appropriate. If nothing else it was a discipline which a body like this required to have. The amendment was an opportunity to improve the Bill rather than destroy it.

Mr Percy Grieve (Solihull, C) said the effect of the amendment would be to transform a dangerous sham into a dangerous reality. It was doubtful that the people of Scotland wanted the Bill. What they really resented was over government, over taxation and over bureaucratization and all the Bill would do would be to increase it.

Mr Norman Buchan (West Renfrewshire, Lab) said he supported the amendment. It was not impossible to find a method of giving the assembly tax raising powers. The Government must have that forced upon them.

Handicapped children in NHS hospitals

Despite improvements in recent years, there was still considerable variation in the quality of services for handicapped children in NHS hospitals, Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during questions.

He stated—I attach high priority to bring services in all hospitals up to the standards of the best. Though the number of mentally handicapped children in hospital has significantly decreased, I am concerned that some children are still being admitted for long periods in hospital because there are not adequate facilities in the community.

I am asking health and social services authorities to agree jointly at local level on the earliest possible dates by which sufficient facilities will be provided to make such admissions no longer necessary.

Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C)—Long-stay emotionally disturbed children are frequently to be found in adult wards. According to the Director of the Health Advisory Service, all children in hospital should be grouped together under one administration.

Mr Ennals—Before Christmas, I had discussions with the Health Advisory Service and a special team about precisely the problem he refers to. There are considerable improvements to be made to introduce in the facilities for emotionally disturbed children in our society.

Invalidity benefit claims by disabled housewives

The number of claims for the disabled housewives' non-contributory invalidity benefit up to January 3 was 52,326. Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, stated at question time. It was not possible to say, he added, how many of the claims would result in an award of benefit, but if the present figures were a reliable guide, awards might be made on about two-thirds of the claims.

The number of awards which had been made up to January 6 was 27,676.

Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C)—How far is he finding the major limiting factor on the speed with which these claims are being processed, has been the need for a medical examination and reports and consequently pressure on the family practitioner at a time when he is usually busy anyway ?

Mr Orme—I can confirm this has been the major problem because of the novel nature and complexities of the job to be undertaken by family practitioners. There were negotiations as to how they would carry this out. This has affected the start of the scheme.

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab)—When I moved this proposal, it was designed to help the worse off in our society to sustain the family. The regulation is drafted in such a way that the worse off are now punished. This was designed to assist the family to keep together, with the additional cost allowance.

Will he give an undertaking that he will rule out this vicious and wicked anomaly ?

Mr Orme—I understand his concern. When the scheme is fully operational we will certainly look at this particular point.

£5m grant to help smaller pharmacies stay open

Mr David Ennals, *Secretary of State for Social Services*, said in a written reply: According to the records of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, there were 265 pharmacy closures and 135 openings in England in the 12 months ended November 30, 1977. However the November, 1977, figures showed, for the first time for several years, a surplus of openings to closures.

I am concerned about the effect on patients, particularly the elderly, if this annual rate of closures continues.

I have therefore decided, with the agreement of the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, to introduce from January 1, 1978, a new system of payment for National Health Service dispensing specifically designed to help the smaller pharmacies, which are most at risk of closure.

As a result, while a lower percentage on-cost will be paid to large pharmacies, many smaller and thus more vulnerable pharmacies will receive additional sums, in some cases exceeding £1,700 a year.

This will reduce their vulnerability and help to maintain an adequate network of pharmaceutical services. The Government are making available £5m to help the introduction of the new scheme.

Fire casualties

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, in a written reply, said—Up to 8 am on January 4, there had been 161 fatalities, 786 casualties and 42,174 incidents reported since the firemen's strike began on November 14. Estimates of fire losses since that date are not available, but the British Insurance Association has published an estimate of the cost of fire damage in the month of November—£42,700,000.

Circular soon on public sector housing insulation

Mr Robert Bean (Rochester and Chatham, Lab) asked what arrangements were to be made to give effect to the proposed programme of insulating public sector dwellings.

Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said in a written reply: In England the programme is planned to bring about 200,000 dwellings a year up to a basic minimum standard of thermal insulation at an estimated annual cost of £23m (1977 survey *prices*). £22m of this will be allocated to local authorities for insulation of their housing stock; the balance will be for the insulation of new town and housing association dwellings.

Resources for the local authority programme for 1978-79 will be included with the main regional cash allocations for local authority housing investment and will be distributed on the basis of a formula reflecting the size of the local authority housing stock and the incidence of construction industry unemployment within each region.

Local allocations will be made by the department's regional offices having regard to these factors and to their judgment of the local situation. Consultations will be held with the local authority associations on the administration and control of the programme for subsequent years.

The work to be undertaken will comprise basic loft insulation, tank lagging, pipe lagging (within the loft space) and draught stripping. A circular giving more details will be issued to authorities soon. Expenditure on such works will be eligible for housing subsidy.

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THE ARTS

Frozen Assets
Warehouse

Irving Wardle

Barrie Keeffe's first play for the RSC is a full-length sequel to the jagged miniatures of *Gimme Shelter* and *Barbarians*. Its viewpoint is that of the dead-end kid, adrift in a world of middle-class prosperity that acknowledges his existence only if he smashes a window or steals a car. And, as before, it amounts to a cry for help.

It is also a much more ambitious piece, branching out into social areas far distant from the first Borstal scene where the 17-year-old Buddy has the bad luck accidentally to impale one of the warders on a wooden spike. That horrendous and brilliantly unexpected opening puts Buddy on the run; back to his house-breaking brother-in-law, his dying mother and through a series of middle-class addresses of mounting grandeur, until he finally fades out into the night: still uncaptured, still with nowhere to go.

Unlike Mr Keeffe's previous heroes, Buddy is an ingratiating character: played with cheerful East End bounce by Allan Hendrick who leaves you convinced that he is pure in heart even when ripping out a telephone lead or jamming a one-armed bandit.

The story requires such a character: an innocent like Buddy who makes a Christmas journey round modern Britain discovering how trivial his offences are compared with the range of legitimate crime. That is one persisting theme; the other is society's failure to help anyone who has fallen through the legal trapdoor.

Although the play follows a carefully interlocked pattern full of coincidences and reunions, I think it fails to establish either of those points. Where Mr Keeffe's previous heroes remained on the other side of the plate-glass window, Buddy has to enter middle-class living rooms: and the people he meets there, languid wives dropping inane cultural chatter, with effete menfolk in the background, are so many propagandist dummies. Nor do any terrible skeletons come tumbling out of their cupboards. Petty bribery, fiddling free winter holidays—I would have thought the cream of British society could have something spicier to offer.

The play is on surer ground when it concentrates simply on the insolence of wealth: such as the obscenely over-stocked deep-freeze, whose owner Buddy justifiably holds at bay with a frozen eel.

As for Buddy's call for help, several people do answer it, and not only the down-and-out old prizefighter of his own class: there is also an old socialist peer, a priest and the dentist husband of the eel-lady—filthy rich, no doubt, but he cures Buddy's toothache.

If *Frozen Assets* takes Mr Keeffe outside the territory he knows best, it still contains sustained stretches of flashingly truthful dialogue and some splendidly imagined comic scenes: such as the thieves' symbolic discovery that their carefully buried loot has been frozen under the ice.

Barry Kyle's production also contains a classic encounter between the hero and David Waller as the disreputable old peer, who happens to be dressed as Father Christmas. The meeting between those two, social opposites but both East Enders, burying their differences in an alcoholic haze of benevolence, homosexuality and straightforward human companionship is a reminder of Mr Keeffe's real qualities and how far they exceed even the best propaganda writing.

Alfred Brendel
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Monday's programme in the current "Mainly Schubert" series was yet another that consisted entirely of Schubert. It also consisted exclusively of piano works from the last half dozen years of his brief life, and showed, as so much of his later music does, that we still take him too lightly. As he died at 31, there is a sense in which all Schubert's works are early works, yet it is hard to think of some of them as such, particularly the Wanderer Fantasy.

First, though, Alfred Brendel played the Moments Musicaux, a group of half a dozen so-called miniatures, each of which was revealed as containing a complete world in itself. One is making no concession to the tenacious and ridiculous legend about the "unpianistic" nature of Schubert's piano music in saying that Mr Brendel orchestrated each of these pieces with great imagination. In fact it might be argued that the pianistic means employed were excessive, out of scale, and that if each phrase had the diversity of colour and accent found there, even the finest player's resources might soon be exhausted.

In fact that was not so, and each of the Moments Musicaux was shown to embody a marvellously flexible set of relationships on the levels of melody, harmony, rhythm and again colour. Further, the six pieces tended in Mr Brendel's hands, and despite their being written separately over a period of years, to coalesce into a single many-faceted structure. That obviously corresponded to the way he seamlessly fused together the four sections of the Wanderer Fantasy, so that the work's basic ideas were seen as if in a kaleidoscope. The first section was particularly demonic, so much so that the only adequate response was precisely the brooding inwardness Mr Brendel brought to the Adagio.

Still in C major (the "Wanderer" key), we heard the unfinished, yet already substantial, Sonata D840. There again, no matter how familiar with the music one thought oneself to be, new aspects of it were almost continually revealed, above all in the last few pages of the second movement. Finally in this generous programme came Schubert's A minor Sonata D784 where, on listening to Mr Brendel's reconciliation of the first movement's equivocal sweet poignancy with its occasional stormy outbursts, one felt inclined to reflect that this composer *could* write for the piano after all.

Schiff/Isador
St John's

Barry Millington

Monday's lunchtime recital at St John's, Smith Square, given by Heinrich Schiff (cello) and Michael Isador (piano), began appropriately with Debussy's Cello Sonata in D minor; appropriately, for it enabled Mr Isador to open a recital in which he was by no means a subordinate partner, and to which he contributed more than half of the adroitness and sensitivity that were in evidence.

He began the Debussy with a confidence and full tone that were immediately matched by Mr Schiff, and even if the cello line was not always quite so strong, there was still much to admire. Beethoven's Sonata in F major Op 5 No 1 was also given the benefit of fine mutual understanding. In a work where the piano is on show to a considerable degree, Mr Isador squandered no opportunities; his first movement allegro had all the variety of tonal colour, the dramatic tension inherent in the sonata form, and the technical security one could reasonably ask for. Mr Schiff was not far behind, but the occasional sense of purposeless movement and a few rough edges diminished a promising performance.

The centrepiece of the recital, in which Mr Schiff took the stage alone, was the first broadcast performance in this country of Mayuzumi's *Bunraku* for solo cello. Drawing on elements of traditional Japanese theatre, and transferring procedures from an eastern instrument to a western one, the piece is an attempt to fuse disparate cultures. The result is a taxing succession of bowing and fingerboard techniques (sometimes including simultaneous bowing and pizzicato) whose demands Mr Schiff met with apparent equanimity.

Bunraku shares with the Debussy and the Beethoven a scheme that evolves from minimum to maximum activity: Mr Schiff husbanded his resources well, so that much power was generated from the formal organization alone.

Park Lane Group
Purcell Room

Joan Chissell

The young are in luck in January. Each New Year brings not just the ISM's efforts on their behalf at Wigmore Hall, but also a series of Purcell Room concerts sponsored by the Park Lane Group in which the pick of the bunch from earlier auditions are presented in well-devised programmes of twentieth-century music, new and old.

Each of the five concerts this year is including a work by Richard Rodney Bennett. At the first on Monday, shared between a singer and a cellist, it was his "Nightpiece" for soprano and tape, first heard at a Park Lane concert in 1972. Despite Baudelaire's moonstruck text, Bennett resists the temptation to outdo Schoenberg in vocal tricks. The piece is liquid and lovely as sound, not least the evocatively atmospheric electronic accompaniment.

Karen Jensen, a gifted soprano from Canada, sang it with the right cool clarity and poise. Her flexibility and assurance could be admired even more in Brian Elias's unaccompanied "Peroration", something of a *tour de force* in its ingeniously unpredictable timing of Robert Browning's English-Latin somersaults in this extract from *Dominus Hyacinthus de Archangelis*. A startling little oddity, this, like the text itself. In songs by Copland and Cage Miss Jensen was well partnered by Margaret Lion, who managed to make music out of Cage's prescribed tapping on the piano's wood in "The Wonderful Widow of Eighteen Springs".

The cellist, Melissa Phelps, with John York as her pianist, came to the rescue of infrequently heard sonatas by Frank Bridge and Elliott Carter. Bridge's work, dating from 1913-17, made a particularly fine centrepiece to the programme. Now and again its impassioned lyricism could have taken more opulent cello tone, more intensity of expression. But phrasing from both artists was fluid and sensitive. The pianist relished the composer's richly romantic chromaticisms.

The stars in their courses



The Devil's Disciple: Christopher Sarandon, Rex Harrison and Earl Boen

Time was, if you wanted to see the recognized greats of the American theatre, New York was the obvious place to do it. The days of the endless tour seemed to have gone for ever, at least as far as star performers were concerned. There were still a few, like Katharine Hepburn, who liked to run a play in and be very sure of things before opening on Broadway, but in general the stars liked to play out of town as little as they possibly could. Suddenly, that all seems to have changed. For one thing, there is an enormous amount of money to be made on extended tours: many rather touchy productions (and which production is not somehow financially touchy these days?) are well in the black before they come in to New York—if they ever do. But to ensure such satisfactory results, you really need a star name: that, finally, is what brings in audiences all over the country.

Hence the need to move around quite a lot if you hope to catch up with the famous names. Or sit very still in Chicago or Los Angeles or wherever and trust that they will sooner or later catch up with you. Take, for instance, the present touring production of *Hello Dolly!* The point of interest in that, in case you were wondering, is that, in line with America's current preoccupation with instant nostalgia, Carol Channing is re-creating her original role, 13 years after the event. True, that does not seem so long, but there have been a lot of Dollies under the bridges since then, and there are many theatregoers who have seen everyone from Ethel Merman to Betty Grable to Pearl Bailey in the role but welcome an opportunity to see the first Dolly again, plus a whole generation who know of the great original only by repute.

Whether Carol Channing feels equally happy with the revival one can only speculate. To all appearance, she is: she sweeps round the stage of (at the moment) the Pantages, one of Hollywood's giant movie palaces which has recently gone legit in order to house just such productions, with so much dash and energy that one hardly stops to question exactly why everyone in the place should go mad in order to welcome back an undistinguished matchmaker from Yonkers. Her voice is even more of a basso profundo growl (and occasionally purr) than we remembered it, the scatter-brained mannerisms as delightfully in trim, and the part is as apt to Miss Channing's talents at whatever age she might be now as it was to them back in 1964. Which is more than could be said for her last jaunt down Memory Lane with *Lorelei*, an uncomfortably revamped version of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, making the original show a giant flashback, with which she toured endlessly and played New York briefly a few seasons back.

And this makes one wonder, is Carol Channing aware of being trapped by her own persona? There is some evidence that she is. Last year she toured for a while in a Broadway-bound production (which never made it) of Ben Travers's *The Bed Before Yesterday*, directed by, of all people, Lindsay Anderson. Obviously this was quite a change of direction for her, and was meant as such: at the start she did try resolutely to be someone other than Carol Channing. But then, inexorably, critics and public forced her back into the mould. They did not want to see a new Carol Channing; that was not what they had bought tickets for. They wanted to see the Carol Channing they had always known and loved—and so, eventually, they got her. And, perhaps inevitably, Broadway never got the play.

At least things seem to be turning out more happily with another great lady of the American musical stage and another spectacular change of pace. Some time has passed since Mary Martin last appeared on stage. There were rumours, tempting indeed, of a new musical based on *Hedda and Luella*, to star her and Ethel Merman; there were rumours that she had definitely retired. But now all of a sudden, here she is with a new, entirely non-singing role (well, actually she does hum a few notes, in a definitely non-professional way) in *Do You Turn Somersaults?*, which should be opening on Broadway sometime in January. I saw it in Chicago early in its tour, having no idea, until I got to the theatre, that it is the same play by Arbuzov which played last winter at the Aldwych as *Old World*.

Mary Martin and Peggy Ashcroft: one would hardly have thought of them as interchangeable, and there can be few roles in drama for which both might be suited. Happily, this turns out to be one of them. Indeed, if anything Mary Martin is perhaps a little more naturally equipped for the role than Peggy Ashcroft—it would, one feels, be a funny sort of a circus that might have housed Dame Peggy at any stage in her illustrious career. Both of them have had Anthony Quayle as co-star, and for delicacy and charm of ultimate effect it would be very difficult to choose between the two readings. This story of two apparently ill-assorted old people who make contact and live a curious sort of love story in the park is, like most of Arbuzov's plays, smooth, efficient, rather old-fashioned, not too deeply probing. But charm, that now rather neglected quality, it does have in plenty. And Mary Martin certainly still knows just how to put it over: it is a real education to see how she puts an audience none too sure of what they are in for at their ease and gets them eating out of the palm of her hand. Even those who, like myself, have never much cared for Mary Martin, have to accept this as a triumph of sheer professionalism and star quality.

It is tempting to go on about the other stars who are out these nights in unlikely places. But passing over such delights as Ann Miller playing *Cactus Flower* in Atlanta (complete with a big tap routine specially written in, if you can believe that) I should come to one of the most interesting Shaw productions of the last few years, Frank Dunlop's version of *The Devil's Disciple* at the Music Centre, Los Angeles (the other two theatres of which are at present offering the American Ballet Theatre and Jim Dale and Avery Schreiber in *Comedians*). The excuse for writing about this—and probably the main reason for seeing it in the view of star-conscious Los Angelines—is the presence in the cast of Rex Harrison. Few of the audience seem to realize that since he is playing General Burgoyne he does not even appear until the third act, and even then he is playing more of a nice little part than a truly starring role. Since he is perfectly cast, giving an immaculate display of high style and gentlemanly ease where few American actors could refrain from being pushy, audiences will probably not after all be disappointed. But this will be all the easier to achieve because what comes before is so very satisfying.

The play, after all, is not one of Shaw's easiest to make sense of. But Frank Dunlop seems to have stumbled on the key by noting that the play dates from only a few years before *Peter Pan* and that there are many correspondences between them. If you see Dick Dudgeon as Peter Pan—particularly the fierce little boy Barrie originally conceived (rather than Mary Martin, that is)—then it is amazing how much of the character and the play falls into place. Especially given the remarkable performance of Christopher Sarandon as Dick. Admirable as he was in *Dog Day Afternoon* and *Lipstick*, it was difficult to tell from those roles whether he could play anything else besides the hysterical neurotic. Here he plays an eccentric swashbuckler with equal conviction. Tall, bearded, resonant-voiced, he commands centre-stage without problem, and looks more than ever like one of America's finest younger actors. He may not be a star quite yet; but on this showing it cannot be long now.

John Russell Taylor

Year of the dance at Sadler's Wells

Sadler's Wells Theatre yesterday announced a programme for the coming year which consists almost entirely of dance companies, featuring a series of leading foreign and British groups.

Besides spring and autumn seasons by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, there will be the British debut of Pilobolus, the group which has taken the American dance world by storm, and return visits by the Nikolais Dance Theatre, Ballet Theatre Contemporain, Ballet Rambert and the London Contemporary Dance Theatre.

Other new visitors to the Wells will be Gong Sawan, a troupe of dancers and singers from Bali, and Fiesta de Espana. Marcel Marceau, the great French mime, will be returning for a five-week season, as will Kathakali from India.

Opera is represented only by two productions from Handel Opera and the Christmas season of Gilbert and Sullivan by D'Oyly Carte.

Mr Douglas Craig, director of Sadler's Wells said they were very concerned about the lack of opera but had not the finance to bring companies to the theatre.

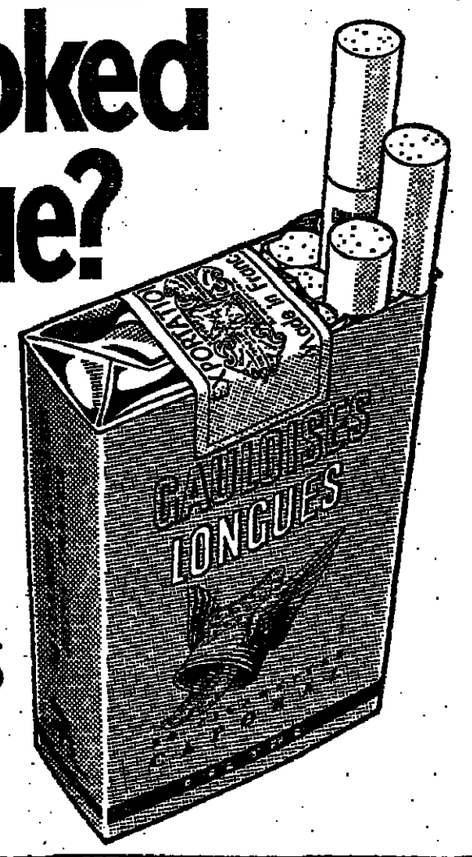
In the annual report for 1976-77, he referred to what he regarded as the unrealistic separation of London from the regions. He was assured there was a demand for opera in the regions which could not be met, but said this was also true of the Wells.

Audiences had been asked what they wanted to see at the theatre and the overwhelming majority had called for more opera. But every attempt to bring the Scottish, Welsh, Glyndebourne Touring and Kent Operas to the Wells had so far failed.

Sadler's Wells chairman, Sir Roger Falk, said in the report that they would also like to arrange more visits by foreign companies. "But in so many cases the costs and risks involved are too great for our frail finances to bear."

Martin Huckerby

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SPORT

Football

Souness signs for Liverpool in record £352,000 deal

Graeme Souness, Middlesbrough's 24-year-old Scottish international midfield player, signed for Liverpool yesterday evening for a fee of £352,00. It is a record for a deal between English clubs.

The deal topped by £2,000 the previous record set when Joe Jordan left Leeds for Manchester United last Friday.

Souness, who has been unsettled at Middlesbrough, did not know until midday that Liverpool had made a firm move for him. The Liverpool chairman, John Smith, the manager, Bob Paisley, and the general secretary, Peter Robinson, met Middlesbrough officials by arrangement in the morning at a Leeds rendezvous. They settled the transfer fee within a couple of minutes and only then was Souness told.

By mid-afternoon he had agreed terms with Liverpool and then rushed to Anfield where, in the early evening, he completed medical tests and signed forms. He will be in Liverpool's team to play at West Bromwich Albion on Saturday.

Souness, who has won three Scottish caps, hopes the deal will help him to make Scotland's party for the World Cup finals in Argentina. He said: "It's entirely up to me. I've got to come to Liverpool and play well. I hope that being with Liverpool will increase my chances but I've also got to do it on the field because it's not automatic".

Charles Amer, the Middlesbrough chairman, said the transfer was inevitable. "The saga has dragged on long enough. The player was unsettled; there was an uneasy atmosphere in the dressing room; and the Middlesbrough public had become fed up. With the player so unhappy it was not fair on manager John Neal. Liverpool are delighted with the deal but we are rather sad", he said.

Mr Paisley said: "There were rumours that Manchester City were interested in Souness but that didn't worry me. When Middlesbrough said they were prepared to let Souness go they mentioned a couple of players in exchange but I wanted to strengthen my squad, not weaken it."

Souness started his career at Tottenham, but did not play a first team game for them before being transferred to Middlesbrough for £30,000 on December 30, 1972.

Liverpool first made a move for him in December, hoping to complete the transfer before the deadline for the next round of the European Cup, but their bid of £325,000 was rejected. After being bundled out of the FA Cup by Chelsea on Saturday, Liverpool hope to gain the same early return from Souness as they received from their £440,000 signing, Kenny Dalglish, when he moved from Celtic at the start of the season. But Souness is not eligible to play in the European Cup this season and is also out of the reckoning for Liverpool's League Cup game at Wrexham next Tuesday, being Cup tied.

Gordon McQueen, who was fined "a substantial sum" yesterday by Jimmy Armfield, the Leeds United manager, for "ungentlemanly conduct", could soon be leaving Elland Road. It is understood that Armfield may be willing to part with McQueen, who was involved in an incident with his own goalkeeper, David Harvey, during Saturday's 2—1 FA Cup defeat at home to Manchester City.

If Leeds decide to sell their Scottish centre-half he could end up at Old Trafford. Manchester United recently paid Leeds £350,000 for Joe Jordan and McQueen would no doubt be pleased to join him.

McQueen was fined after a meeting with Armfield following training yesterday. Harvey also gave his side of the story. Mr Armfield said: "From both their explanations it was clear that Harvey did not commit any offence. However, McQueen has been fined a substantial sum for ungentlemanly conduct and that is the end of the matter."

Mr Armfield added: "I will explain the position to the directors at tomorrow's board meeting." McQueen will be considered in the usual way for Saturday's game at Birmingham, but Armfield with money in his pocket, is all set to start looking for a replacement.



In the thick of it: Walsh (No 5), of Bolton, manages to shoot although surrounded by Spurs' players.

Bolton have the edge in magnificent match

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Bolton 2 Tottenham 1

Tottenham Hotspur, who have not won an FA Cup tie since 1973, can nevertheless claim to have contributed to a memorable one at Burnden Park last night. Bolton Wanderers finally won this magnificent third round replay in extra time, but there was no certainty of that in their hearts until the final whistle because, as before when they have met, these two fine leaders of the second division could hardly be separated and in all honesty deserved to avoid each other and save this special match for a later stage.

In their previous two metings this season they had presented attractive football and drama, with their league match in November being won by Bolton in the last few minutes and Saturday's Cup-tie taken to the replay by their late equalizer. The quality and interest was admirably maintained.

The finality of Cup football often and understandably erodes the standards that such sides attempt to reach on less urgent occasions, but there is nothing inevitable about it as was seen last night.

Bolton and Spurs prefer the considered approach that unfortunately irritates supporters. Indeed, the home crowd here showed premature impatience in the first half an hour when Bolton, having been met by equal skill, drew back into their own half to assess the situation and try to be patient, waiting to pounce. This they did with splendid regularity for the rest of the match and in the end the crowd stood to cher them from the field and sympathize with Spurs.

For a while Bolton seemed to gain little, but when Whatmore began to win the ball strongly along the edge of the penalty area and Worthington neatly controlled it in a series of valuable passes, they put the Tottenham goal in increasing danger. But few obvious chances emerged, although Worthington slung a fine shot close to the post in only the third minute and was a split second slow to reach an inviting pass from Whatmore in front of Daines.

Yet it was Spurs who came even closer when Taylor sliced a shot across the goalmouth, and then after Pratt had gained possession in a fierce tackle, he trickled the ball against the post. Reid snapped an answer, volleying in a powerful shot that the referee disallowed for some pushing that was not obvious to everyone. Here was the cut and thrust of the Cup absorbingly interspersed with imagination.

Bolton took the lead five minutes after half time but it took the strength of a full back to pierce Spurs penalty area for the first time. Holmes had given away a free kick by unbalancing Worthington. Morgan played the ball for Ritson who was some 22 yards from goal, but hit a superb shot into the far corner and Daines, who apart from this played outstandingly, was unable to cover.

Ritson soon had to preserve the lead he had provided by heading McNab's threatening centre off the line. Good and pleasing though Tottenham's football was, Bolton had the firmer competitive edge and they increased the pressure so much that Tottenham, having seen Daines cleverly push away a viciously accurate shot from Train, decided to risk further damage by sending Perryman upfield and leaving only three men in defence. Whatmore, particularly, made use of the space. Naylor cleared one of his precisely chipped shots off the line and, amazingly, Spurs lived again when Allardyce brought down Perryman in the eighty-sixth minute and Taylor showed no nervousness in scoring from the penalty spot.

So once more a crucial goal was hidden in the tail, but this time it was Spurs who benefited and now, in extra time, Bolton were especially thankful that Walsh proved such an able alternative to the injured Jones in the centre of defence. Spurs, markedly encouraged, gave him plenty to do, but a minute from the end of the first half of extra time this sterling, restless tie swung back to Bolton where Ritson easily sprinted past Pratt, centred quickly and the substitute, Jones, placid amid the excitement, calmly headed past Daines. This time there was no revival from Spurs.

BOLTON WANDERERS: J. McDonagh; J. Ritson, P. Nicholson, R. Greaves (sub, G. Jones), M. Walsh, S. Allardyce, W. Morgan, N. Whatmore, R. Train, P. Reid, F. Worthington.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: B. Daines; T. Naylor, J. Holmes, G. Hoddle, D. McAllister, S. Perryman, J. Pratt, N. McNab (sub, G. Armstrong), J. Duncan, C. Lee, P. Taylor.

Referee: D. R. Nippard (Christchurch).

Goalkeepers take honours at the Dell

Southampton 0 Grimsby 0

Southampton, FA Cup winners two years ago, and Grimsby of the fourth division, face a second replay to decide who will visit Bristol Rovers in the fourth round.

They have so far battled 210 minutes without scoring a goal. Each side had their chances to break the deadlock and Grimsby twice had good opportunities through Donovan. On each occasion, however, his shots were saved by Turner. Batch, the Grimsby goalkeeper, was also in good form. He pushed a fierce shot from MacDougall on to the bar and over and made another fine save from Williams.

Millwall 2 Rotherham 0

Millwall reached the fourth round for the first time in five years by beating Rotherham of the third division in a third round replay at The Den last night. The Londoners' hero was Lee, recalled to the side instead of Alexander. Lee struck in the twenty-fourth minute when he beat McAllister with a fine angled shot after Womble had failed to clear.

Then 14 minutes from time Lee sprinted forward to meet a long Kitchener clearance to squeeze the ball lover the line after McAllister had misbandled. In between Lee's goals Finney missed a great chance to equalize. In a second half completely dominated by Millwall, Hamilton and Moore missed fine changes.

Millwall's captain Hazell was cautioned by the referee Tony Morrissey (Cheshire) for a first half foul on Matthews.

Oldham 1 Luton Town 2

Two well struck goals by Boersma gave Luton victory and they travel to Millwall in the next roound. In a match full of pace and enterprise Luton took a twelfth minute lead when a 25-yard snap shot by the former Liverpool striker was only half saved by Oldham's goalkeeper Platt and the ball rolled gently into the net.

Oldham fought back to equalize 15 minutes later. A 35-yard shot from Wood was partly smothered by Luton's goalkeeper Aleksic and Young easily stabbed the loose ball into the net. Luton regained the lead three minutes after the interval when the ever busy Boersma calmly slipped two defenders to score a well deserved winner. Two players were cautioned, Luton's Ron Futcher for a foul and Oldham's Chapman for retaliating.

Wolves 3 Exeter 1

Exeter kept Wolverhampton waiting until the first division side earned the right to face Arsenal at Highbury in the fourth round. The third division team had trailed to a fortieth minute goal from Richards but it was not until the seventy-ninth minute that Wolves increased their lead through Hibbitt. Even then Kellow pulled the visitors back into contention four minutes from time. But their joy was short-lived. A minute later Daly raced through to put the issue beyond doubt.

John Petts yesterday resigned as manager of Northampton Town. He gave as his reason that pressures had built up on him since the home defeat by Enfield, of the Isthmian League, in the FA Cup in December.

Mr Petts was appointed manager last May after four years as trainer of Northampton.

Cricket

Batting is made to look infinitely difficult by off-form England

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Bahawalpur, Jan 10

In making 242 for two against the Punjab Cricket Association here today the English batsmen showed a marked lack of form. The first three of them, Rose, Randall and Roope, found little relief from perpetual struggle, though it was another sunny day and the Punjab bowled their eight ball overs at a fair enough rate and to reasonable enough fields.

Brearley could have declared at tea time, when the score was 169 for one, in the hope of bowling the Punjab out or, failing that, in expectation of a target tomorrow. Instead he preferred to bat on, to give his batsmen a first innings knock.

The best chance of obtaining a result on these dead, grassless pitches is to make the utmost of any early moisture. Yesterday, having reduced the Punjab to 39 for four in the first hour the England XI should have bowled them out at least by tea time. This they failed to do, and today they found the pitch too slow, the bounce too low, and perhaps the spirit too weak to force the issue. What I found particularly depressing was that as the day went on so Gatting's chances, and Botham's, of showing what they can do declined. All that these two are told is that their "chance will come in New Zealand". Until then they must sit and watch while others make batting look infinitely difficult. It is enough to dampen their ardour.

Although they made 137 together for the first wicket there was nothing remotely prohibited about either Rose or Randall. In two hours this morning they managed only 63 runs off 27 overs. Rose took two hours and a half over his 50, Randall three hours, mostly against the leg spin of Wasim Raja, the off breaks of Sadaat Ali and Naeem Ahmed's medley of left arm spin, orthodox and otherwise. I wish I could tell you some of the strokes they played before lunch, other than one square drive by Randall. If I could remember any more I would.

It must have seemed strange to the large crowd, even if many of them did not know much about it, that this was the same Randall who scored 174 against Australia at Melbourne less than a year ago. He seems to have lost all the confidence which that innings gave him, or should have done, and his strokes with it. He is no longer relying on instinct, as he can afford to do. That Melbourne innings was his last first class hundred, though since making it he has batted on another 39 occasions. For England's number three or four in their last seven Test matches that is an alarming record.

Rose never got the ball off the square without winding himself up first. One or two pulls went well when he did so but it was hard work, a lot harder than he often finds it to make runs against seam bowling in Somerset. Wasim Raja we know: he bowls leg brea 25 overs of them today with relief. He gave little away. Na is a delightful little bowler, afraid to experiment and wit nice natural action. He gave ball more air than Edmonds yesterday, but being smaller h more of the build to do that has not had his "loop" knoc out of him, either, by a surfei one-day cricket with its emph on containment.

Maqsudiah may be remembe by anyone who collects such ments, as the bowler who cam England with the Pakistan tear 1974 and took only one wic Arriving at Hove towards the of what was a half-summer without a wicket to his name is said to have found Greig sufficiently charitable mood provide him with a return ca This afternoon no one was obliging. Rose was after hundred until he drove W. Raja to extra cover, Randall after his until he was leg be to a "chinaman", and Ro who finished by playing b than anyone, and Miller are there to be after theirs tomor

PUNJAB XI: First innings, 23 o dec (Mohsin Khan 97 not ou Miller 4 for 52).
ENGLAND: First innings
B. C. Rose, c Rarooq, b Raja ..
D. W. Randall, l-bow, b Naeem ..
G. R. J. Roope, not out ..
G. Miller, not out ..
Extras (b 1, l-b 4) ..
Total (2 wkts) ..
J. M. Brearley, M. W. Ga C. M. Old, I. T. Botham, P Edmonds, *P. R. Downton an Hendrick to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—137, 2— —Reuter.

Simpson's verdict on slump

Sydney, Jan 10.—The Australian captain, Bob Simpson, admitted today that his side had been "caught on the hop" by the unpredictable wickets in both the third and fourth cricket Tests against India. Simpson said he was surprised that both wickets had taken spin much earlier than in previous Test series. "This, coupled with the fact we are a young, inexperienced side, has brought India right back into the series", Simpson said.

The Australians, who were bundled out for 131 in their first innings, go into tomorrow's fourth day at 40 for one wicket, still 225 runs behind. India made 396 for eight declared in their first innings.

A win for India would square the series at two-all. But Simpson is still optimistic the Australians can save the match. He said: "It's definitely not beyond the realms of possibility if our early order batsmen concentrate and play their natural game. Admittedly our batsmen have often got out to poor shots, but you can't take anything away from the Indian spinners. Their performance has been excellent on wickets which are tailor-made for them."

The Indian captain, Bishen Bedi, said that though he was surprised to see the wickets at Melbourne and Sydney taking spin on the first and second days he had the best bowlers to exploit such conditions. "My bowlers have done a magnificent job, but the rest of our game has also been first class", he added.

Only a desperate rearguard action by the Australians can prevent a second successive defeat.

WACC vote an ill omen for 14 Packer players

Sydney, Jan 10.—A decision by the West Australian Cricket Council has virtually slammed the door on any of Kerry Packer's players joining Australia's tour of West Indies, starting next month. A motion, put by a Perth district club, to have the bans imposed on Mr Packer's players lifted, was defeated overwhelmingly at last night's meeting of the WACC.

The Melville Cricket Club—Dennis Lillee's old club—moved that the players who signed with Mr Packer be reinstated with their clubs and be eligible for state selection. But the motion was defeated 26 votes to two.

Only the two Melville delegates were in favour among the representatives of 14 first-grade clubs. The decision by the WACC is regarded as a forerunner to the anticipated reaction of the Australian Board of Control to the announcement that Mr Packer had cleared 14 of his players to be available for the West Indian tour.

The touring team will be announced on January 20 but none of Mr Packer's players is expected to be included. Mr Packer has eight West Australians on his books—Lillee, Marsh, Langer, Laird, Edwards, McKenzie, Malone and Trevor Chappell.

A delegate from Claremont-Cottesloe club, Graham McEachran, said after last night's decision: "In the face of recent opposition from the enemy, the WACC needed to present a united front. We don't want fifth columnists and, if Melville don't like the way the WACC runs the game, why don't they get out".

The 14 Packer players who are believed to have confirmed their availability for the West I tour in a letter to the Austr Board are: Greg Cha McCosker, Redpath, Wa Davis, Hookes, Gilmour, Pa Malone, Prior, Walker, B Marsh and Robinson.

In Orange, New South W Zaheer Abbas and Imran K who are also on Mr Pac books, said here today they nothing of plans to fly hor Pakistan to play against En in the third Test, startin January 18. "We would delighted if the report turne to be correct. But it is the we have heard about it", Z said.

Imran and Zaheer are in O to play in a country match a West Indies XI startin morrow. They are also cand for selection in a World meet an Australian XI in S on Saturday. A spokesman f Packer said he knew nothi the report. "If it is correct, would need to be negotiatio tween Mr Packer and the Pa Cricket Board", he said.

Tony Greig, the World Cricket World XI captain, w rested from the match tomo Greig, Knott and Asif Iqb the three players missing fro team that played in Perth y day. Barlow will be captai the first time and Majid will be wicketkeeper.

Fredericks and three bowlers, Garner, Holding, Roberts, will also be missing the West Indian side, who still start the two-day matc favourites. In the Country standings the World XI lea Australian XI with the Indians, who have played matches, third.—Reuter.

Yesterday's results

FA Cup, third round replays

Bolton (0) 2 Tottenham (0) 1
Ritson Taylor (pen)
C. Jones
31,314
After extra time. Bolton home to Mansfield.

Millwall (1) 2 Rotherham (0) 0
Lee (2)
8,051
Millwall home to Luton Town.

Oldham (1) 1 Luton (1) 2
Young Boersma (2)
13,805
Luton Town away to Millwall.

Southampton (0) 0 Grimsby (0) 0
22,462
After extra time. Winners away to Bristol Rovers.

Wolves (1) 3 Exeter (0) 1
Richards
Hibbitt
Daley
Kellow
19,693
Wolverhampton Wanderers away to Arsenal.

Fourth division

Doncaster (1) 1 Swansea (1) 1
Mabbin K. Moore
2,509

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood 2, Barking 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Buxton 1, Goole 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division, south: Hounslow 3, Aylesbury 1.
RUGBY UNION: Schools: Stanwell, Penarth 0, St George's College, Argentina 10.
HOCKEY: London League: Cheam 2, Oxford University 0.

Greaves suspended

Jimmy Greaves received his first FA suspension yesterday—21 years after making his first Football League appearance for Chelsea. Greaves, who now plays for Barnet, a Southern League club, will start a four-match ban on Monday after being found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute.

Today's fixtures

FA CUP: Third round replays: Manchester United v Carlisle United (7.30); Newcastle United v Peterborough (7.30); Norwich City v Orient (7.30).
THIRD DIVISION: Oxford United v Cambridge United (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Weymouth v Cheltenham (7.30). First division south: Folkestone/Shepway v Addlestone (7.30).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy v AFA XI (2.15).
RUGBY UNION: Bath v Royal Navy (7.15); Treorchy v Maesteg (7.0).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Salford v Dewsbury (7.30); Widnes v Wigan (7.30).
HOCKEY: Representative match: Norfolk v Cambridge University. London League: Bromley v Oxford University; London University v Spencer.

Yachting

Great Britain II 120 miles ahead of rivals

Auckland, Jan 10.—Great Britain II leads in the third leg of the round-the-world race and is more than half way to Cape Horn, radio reports said here today. Heath's Condor, the winner of the second leg from Cape Town to Auckland, is lying second, 120 miles behind.

Flyer, the overall handicap leader from the Netherlands, is holding her place. Conditions were reported to be clear and sunny with icebergs a common sight.

No position was given for Pen Duick VI, a French ketch, disqaulified last week because of her "exotic" waste uranium keel.

Tennis

Vilas is ranked No 1

New York, Jan 10.—Guillermo Vilas today was ranked No 1 in the world for 1977 by World Tennis magazine. Bjorn Borg was rated second and Jimmy Connors third in the men's rankings.

The magazine delayed issuing its rankings until the Grand Prix Masters tournament, won by Connors on Sunday with a victory over Borg in the final. Vilas beat Connors—a repeat of his win in the United States Open—in the preliminary round-robin of the Masters, but lost to Borg in the semi-final round.

World Tennis said it made Vilas No 1 "because he won two major championships (United States and French Opens) while Borg captured only one (Wimbledon)". Connors was the losing finalist in both Wimbledon and the United States Open.

RANKINGS: 1, G. Vilas; 2, B. Borg; 3, J. Connors; 4, B. Gottfried; 5, V. Gerulaitis; 6, M. Orantes; 7, E. Dibbs; 8, R. Stockton; 9, R. Ramirez; 10, B. Tanner.—Reuter.

SAN CARLOS, California: First round: Miss M. Louie beat Miss A. Kuromura, 6—3, 7—5, 6—0; Miss L. Hunt beat Miss C. Meyer, 6—0, 6—5; Miss M. Simionescu beat Miss L. Mottram, 6—3, 1—6, 6—4; Miss J. Durrell beat Miss R. Latham, 5—3, 6—1.
HOLLYWOOD, Florida: Women's tournament: Z. Kloss beat M. Kruger (S Africa), 7—5, 7—6, 6—3; M. Mihai (Romania) beat B. Cuypers (S Africa), 7—5, 3—6, 6—3; M. Tyler (GB) beat T. Holiday by default; R. Temenova (Czechoslovakia) beat Y. Vermaak (S Africa), 7—6, 6—4, 6—3; V. Ruzici (Romania) beat F. Durr (France), 6—3, 6—3; N. Richey beat J. Newberry, 6—1, 6—2; K. May beat L. Dunont, 7—6, 7—6, 6—3; K. Shaw beat M. Jausovec (Yugoslavia), 6—2, 6—1.

Motor racing

Hunt expects to start season with a victory

Buenos Aires, Jan 10.—James Hunt, the former world motor racing champion, said today that he had more than an even chance of winning the Argentine Grand Prix next Sunday in his McLaren M-26. "The M-26 runs very well. Changes in its aerodynamics have given the car more velocity and I am very pleased with it", he said.

He said he hoped to win the Argentine Grand Prix, the first race of the season, because it would be an important boost to his hopes of regaining the world title.

Skiing

Miss Wenzel makes most of her rival's misfortune

Les Mosses, Switzerland, Jan 10.—Hanni Wenzel, of Leichtenstein, seizing on a slip by the leading Swiss skier, Lise-Marie Morerod, won the women's World Cup giant slalom here today to get within striking distance of the overall leader, Annemarie Moser, of Austria.

Miss Morerod, the World Cup holder and winner over the same 1,450 metres (1,585 yards) course yesterday, skidded out of the race on the first of two runs when she lost control on the icy final descent and missed the last two of the 48 gates.

The abrupt exit of the favourite left Miss Wenzel and eight other top racers poised for the decisive second run with less than one second between them. The Liechtenstein competitor watched five rivals speed down the track, which was even faster than in the morning, then swooped faultlessly through the gates to take an unassailable lead of 1.08sec.

Miss Wenzel's time of 1min 24.14sec for her second descent coupled with 1:28.63 on the first run gave her an aggregate of 2:52.77. Monika Kaserer, of Austria, came second in 2:53.85, and Fabienne Serrat, of France, was third in 2:54.24.

Miss Wenzel's win earned her 25 World Cup points, leaving her second overall with 87. Mrs Moser, of Austria, finishing eighth in 2:55.06, collected three points which raised her score to 93. She might have got a higher place, but lost a vital fraction of a second when she slid wide on the same icy finishing slope where Miss Morerod came to grief.

It was the second giant slalom win of the season for Miss Wenzel, who also finished second in yesterday's race. She had a total of 73 points before today's event, but had to shed 11 points. She gained from a previous fourth place because under World Cup rules only the three best performances in each discipline may be counted.

Although eliminated today, Miss Morerod retained third place in the World Cup standings with 65 points, one more than Miss Kaserer in fourth. The Swiss appeared her usual assured self on the upper slopes and clocked the fastest intermediate time. But she was too quick on the steep, tricky lower section, and lost her poise on the ice, slithering wide of the second last gate.

Her compatriot, Marie-Thérèse Nadig, ran into the same trouble on her second descent, hitting a gate stake and losing a stick as she shot off the track. Another Leichensteiner, Ursula Konzett, was also eliminated and Abbi Fisher, of the United States, winner of the first leg, lost time on her second run when she hit a stake at the same second last gate.

GIANT SLALOM: 1, H. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 2min 52.77sec (1:28.63 and 1:24.14); 2, M. Kaserer (Austria), 2:53.85 (1:28.17 and 1:25.68); 3, F. Serrat (France), 2:54.24 (1:28.97 and 1:25.27); 4, M. Lipple (W Germany), 2:54.31 (1:28.51 and 1:25.80); 5, L. Soelkner (Austria), 2:54.55 (1:29.00 and 1:25.55); 6, A. Hoefer (US), 2:54.60 (1:28.56 and 1:26.04).

WORLD CUP (to date): 1, A. Moser (Austria), 93 pts; 2, Wenzel, 87; 3, L-M. Morerod (Switzerland), 69; 4, Kaserer 64; 5, M-T. Nadig (Switzerland), 54; 6, Serrat, 50.—Reuter.

Athletics

Mrs Elder turns thoughts to 800m for first time

Jane Colebrook and Verona Elder, two of Britain's finest indoor runners, are likely to meet in the Cosford Games, sponsored by Philips, on Saturday. They are entered for both the 800 and 400 metres, with Miss Colebrook extending her options by also entering the 1500 metres. "I shall run in two events and the 800 metres will definitely be one of them", Miss Colebrook said. She is the European indoor champion and joint world-record holder for the 800 metres indoors.

Mrs Elder, aged 24, has maintained exceptional consistency on the boards, winning two European titles and a silver medal at 400 metres as well as being national indoor champion at the distance five times. She has turned her thoughts to 800 metres for the first time as a way of easing the monotony in what is said to be a long, hard year. She will make up her mind whether to make the switch now later in the week. David Jenkins will run the 400 metres at Cosford for the first time. Previously, he has run only 600 metres. He has found the bends difficult to negotiate at the shorter distance.

The men's 800 metres, in which Colin Szwed, the Junior International from Coventry, Garry Cook and John Goodacre vie for supremacy and the 60 metres, supported by all the sprinters, should also pr much interest.

North-east athletics receiv boost yesterday when it announced that Gate Stadium has been designat a Regional Centre of Exce for six track and field events news was welcomed by Stinson, secretary of the E Amateur Athletic Board. He "I am pleased the S Council have had the sens foresight to select Gateshea

The events chosen are jump, long jump, hammer, m and long distance running women's pentathlon. "The N East has a tradition of n and long distance runners s support for the field even also very pleasing," Mr St added.

Calendar of Sport

The Embassy spring national show jumping m is to be held at Hickstead April 28 to May 1 and not May 26 to 29, as published i Calendar of World Spor December 30. The British Jun Derby meeting at Hickstead be held from August 25 to 2 the Wills British championsh Hickstead from June 1 to 4

Boxing

Conteh backed by WBC

Mexico City, Jan 10.—The World Boxing Council (WBC) president, Jose Sulaiman, said today the WBC definitely supports John Conteh, of Britain, a former champion, as the official challenger for the light-heavyweight title. The WBC want their new champion, Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia, to meet Conteh within 90 days. Mr Sulaiman said the two boxers should negotiate this bout within 30 days.

Conteh was stripped of the title in May last year after failing to go ahead with a scheduled defence against Miguel Angel Cuello, of Argentina, who was named champion after winning a bout against Jessie Burnett, of the U States. Parlov took the tit Saturday when he knocked ou Argentine at Milan.

Louis Estaba, of Venezuel WBC light-flyweight cham will defend his title against a Netnoi Vorasingh, in Thailan March 12, a Bangkok pro said today. It will be their s meeting in 12 months. Estab cessfully defended his title a Netnoi in Venezuela last ye

Estaba must first defeat a challenger, Freddie Castill Mexico, in Venezuela on Ja 28. Castillo is ranked numbe in the WBC standings and N is number four.

United States football makes strides in schools and youth programmes

Can unique magnetism of Pelé be replaced?

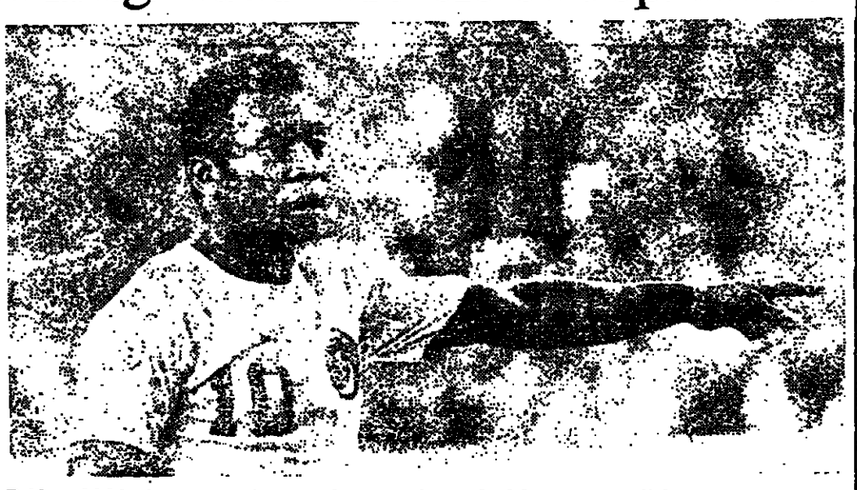
New York, Jan 10.—Professional football in North America faces an acid test this year and the outcome could determine the future of the sport. The retirement of Pele after two and a half exciting years of playing for New York Cosmos is sure to have a profound effect on the North American Soccer League (NASL). His presence in Cosmos's line-up was mainly responsible for attracting record crowds everywhere the team played, and he was the inspiration behind the NASL's most successful season in 1977.

Cosmos signed another great player last May in the former West German captain Franz Beckenbauer, but Pelé's magnetism was unique. Now that he has departed, the NASL seems destined to stand or fall on the new supporters it has attracted and the higher standard of play.

Cosmos, who only three years ago were lucky to draw 1,500 supporters to a home game, hit their peak of popularity when a capacity crowd of 77,691 watched them beat Fort Lauderdale Strikers last year at their home stadium in New Jersey, just across the Hudson River from New York City.

The Cosmos earlier had drawn crowds of 57,191 and 62,394 as football fever hit the New York metropolitan area. They had a capacity attendance of 77,000 when Pelé made his farewell appearance on October 1 in a match against Santos, his former Brazilian club.

Pelé told his admirers in an emotional speech that he felt his mission—making football as popular in America as it is in most other countries—had been accomplished. The man who is rated by many the greatest player in the history of the game has returned to Brazil. He received 4.75m dollars for playing with the Cosmos. The NASL, which operated with 18 teams in 1977, has added five new clubs for 1978 and shifted three of the weakest ones to other cities.



Pelé: told his American admirers that his mission had been accomplished.

The new teams are Philadelphia, Boston, Memphis, Detroit and Denver. Hartford moves to Oakland, Las Vegas to San Diego and Hawaii to Tulsa. Cosmos still have two big attractions, Beckenbauer and Giorgio Chinaglia of Italy.

The New York team is financially the most solid in the League. They will probably try to sign another top European or South American player before the next season opens in April.

Football in the United States has made its greatest strides in the schools and youth programmes. The number of teams and players involved in 1977 continued to increase, as these figures have every year since the boom began about 10 years ago. The relatively low cost of equipment, compared with other sports is one factor making football a popular sport for youngsters.

Johnny Giles has been offered £1,000 a game to play for the North American League side Philadelphia Furies next summer. The offer, if accepted, is expected to earn £20,000 for Giles for 20 matches.

In Hamburg reports that Kevin Keegan might leave the West German club Hamburg SV for the New York Cosmos "have been pulled out of thin air," a Hamburg official said today. Reports that the 26-year-old striker was at the centre of negotiations between Hamburg and Cosmos have been denied by Hamburg's treasurer Helmut Kallmann.

Mr Kallmann also dismissed a report that Hamburg were negotiating the sale of Keegan to National Westminster Bank which would then lease him to an American club.

An official of National Westminster said: "There is absolutely no truth in the story that National Westminster Bank have offered £500,000 for the registration of Kevin Keegan."

The former England and Liverpool captain admitted he had found it difficult to settle in Germany and complained publicly a few months after joining Hamburg that he had been shunned by most of his team colleagues because of his high transfer fee and because he could not speak much German. But he has consistently been among the club's best players, though he now faces a minimum suspension of eight matches after being sent off

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (3 pm)	°C
Andermatt	50	100	Fair	Varied	Fair	Fine	-2
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Avoriaz	70	90	Fair	Varied	Fair	Fair	2
Worn patches on south slopes							
Bormio	15	50	Bad	Crust	Poor	Fair	-1
Worn patches on all pistes							
Courchevel	40	90	Fair	Varied	Good	Fine	-1
Icy patches developing							
Flims	25	80	Good	Varied	Fair	Cloud	1
South facing slopes worn							
Grindelwald	16	36	Good	Varied	Good	Cloud	0
Good skiing nearly everywhere							
Mürren	40	95	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-4
Good skiing everywhere							
St Anton	50	150	Good	Varied	Fair	Fair	1
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Verbier	10	120	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	4
Worn patches on lower slopes							
Zermat	5	40	Fair	Crust	Poor	Fine	-3
Good skiing on upper slopes							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
SWITZERLAND					
Adelboden	30	60	Good	Cloud	0
Braunwald	20	210	Good	Fair	-4
Champery	30	50	Good	Fair	-2
Chateau d'Oex	20	60	Good	Cloud	-6
Disentis	50	100	Good	Fair	-6
Gstaad	15	50	Good	Sun	-3
Kandersteg	25	40	Good	Sun	-4
Klosters	45	100	Good	Sun	-3
Leysin/Les Mosses	40	60	Good	Sun	-4
Les Diablerets	30	100	Good	Cloud	—
Lenzerheide	20	60	Good	Cloud	-4
Pontresina	10	70	Good	Sun	-10
GERMANY					
Berchtesgaden	20	70	Poor	—	-4
Garmisch	20	50	Good	Fair	-5
Mittenwald	30	55	Good	—	-7
Oberammergau	30	50	Good	—	-7
Oberstaufen	20	40	Good	—	-5
Oberstdorf	30	50	Good	Snow	-4

Cricket

NEW DELHI: English School boys and 208 for 5 (M. Brearley 9 out); Indian Schoolboys 350.

Speed skating

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO: Men: 500 metres: H. Van Helden (Netherlands), 39.18sec; 1,000m: Bouchez (Canada), 1:16.86; 3, Van Helden, 4:12.28; 5,000m: Bo 38.14.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pitt Penguins 6, New York Range Montreal Canadiens 5, Philad Flyers 3; Atlanta Flames 5, T Maple Leafs 2.

Tennis

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama: First r E. Dibbs beat W. Scanlon, 7—5, 6—3; J. Nastase beat R. Richa 7—1, 6—4; R. Stockton bea Panatta, 6—3, 6—4.

Swimming

MELBOURNE: Men's 100m freestyle: P. Caughlan, 53.76sec; Men's 400m freestyle: R. McKeon, 3:59.17; Men's 1500m breaststroke: G. Morken (W Germany), 17:17.15; Men's 200m butterfly: M. Kraus (W Germany), 2:07.01; Men's 200m individual medley: S. Kornilov (USSR), 2:17.02; Women's 100m freestyle: E. Brigitha (Netherlands), 59.39sec; Women's 400m freestyle: M. Ford, 4:14.19; Women's 200m individual medley: L. Prosser, 2:25.65; Women's 100m backstroke: D. Forster, 1:03.87.—Agencies.

Cycling

BREMEN, W Germany: Six-day race (after 5th night): 1, W. Pettersson/A. Fritz, 180 pts; 2, G. Braun/J. Tschan, 125; 3, D. Clark/G. Allan (Australia), 123; 4, lap behind: J. C. Hartz/R. Pijnen (W Germany-Netherlands), 85; 5, lap behind: P. Sercu/P. Claessens (Belgium-France), 70; 6, 2 laps behind: 6, O. Ritter/G. Frank (Denmark), 90; 13 laps behind: 7, Other placing: W. Debosscher/M. Burton (Belgium/GB), 82 (21 laps behind).

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;cotland pick new aptain but do ot name new caps

ouglas Morgan, the British is. scrum half, is the surprise captain of Scotland's team play Ireland at Dublin on ary 21. Morgan leads a side ch contains two former cap-s, Ian McLauchlan and Ian Geechan, and also the leader the senior side in last Satur-'s trial, Michael Biggar, but new caps. Morgan's extra onsibility—he is also one of three goalkickers—is one of e unexpected developments Scotland's British Lions. the selectors have solved the mma of having two Lions full ks by switching Andy Irvine the wing and having Bruce at full back. In the trial ine was in his usual position, Hay was on the wing. The l proved that Hay is a full k, whereas the selectors know Irvine is versatile enough to anywhere in the backs. his combination has been tried ore in New Zealand in 1975 for the Australia and France nes the following season. It then abandoned, Irvine ving to full back with Hay on sidelines. Now Irvine finds self back in the spot he upied twice for the Lions in th Africa in 1974.

McGeechan, who played at nd-off in the final international inst Wales last season and in final trial, reverts to his Lions ation of centre and Ron Wilson urns at stand-off. Wilson, vid Shedden, a wing, and ncan Madsen, the hooker, are promoted after playing in the nior side in the trial. Alistair McHarg and David lie, both forwards, are also cluded after missing the final trial through injury. Alan Tomes, who was capped once last year, is brought in to partner McHarg in place of a Lion, Gordon Brown, who has a shoulder injury and is doubtful for the rest of the international matches this season.

Brown, who missed last season's international championship after being suspended, was injured before the Lions' first international in New Zealand. He played throughout the series and also in the Jubilee match against the Barbarians at Twickenham in September. He said yesterday: "It was probably a mistake to play in the Jubilee match and I shall be struggling to be fit for Scotland this season. The shoulder is still very sore and I am having cortisone injections and physiotherapy. I don't think I shall be able to play for some weeks, although I shall be trying my hardest to get fit for when England come up to Scotland at the beginning of March."

SCOTLAND: B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir); A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP), J. M. Renwick (Hawick), I. R. McGeechan (Headingley), D. Shedden (West of Scotland); R. Wilson (London Scottish), D. W. Morgan (Stewart's Melville FP, captain); J. McLauchlan (Jordanhill), D. F. Madsen (Gosforth), A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), A. F. McHarg (London Scottish), M. A. Biggar (London Scottish), D. S. M. Macdonald (West of Scotland), D. G. Leslie (West of Scotland). Replacements: C. G. Hogg (Boroughmuir), A. G. Cranston (Hawick), R. J. Laidlaw (Jedforest), C. T. Dean (Hawick), N. E. K. Pender (Hawick), G. Y. Mackie (Highland).

Royal Free indulge in ome free scoring

Gordon Allan

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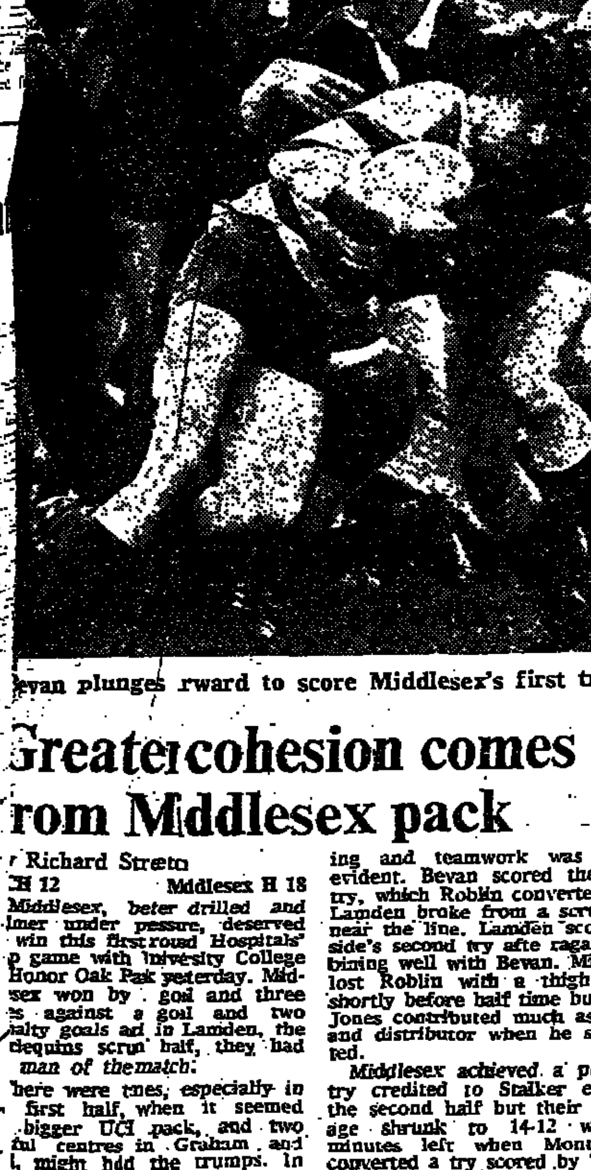
oyal Free beat St George's by goals, four tries, and two alty goals to a goal and a alty goal in the Hospitals' Cup by competition at Walthamstow erday. Their opponents in the ond round are last year's ners-up, St Mary's, at Cobham January 24.

McLaren, the Royal Free full , who comes from Bedford toured West Indies with the ng England cricket team a year wo ago, had a good match. He ed 20 points from a try, five versions, and two penalties. n Royal Free were frittering y all their possession in the y part of the game, and doing ything with the ball except l it, he showed them the way the line. After that it was nly a question of how much al Free would win by.

oyal Free led 16—3 at half-. Their other tries were ed by their captain, Watkinson (two), Jackson (two), Evans, Chan, Platts, and Moore. The 50 came up just before the end. It would have come up earlier with more attention to detail. Without such attention Royal Free have no future against St Mary's.

Edmonds scored St George's try from a breakdown in communications between the Royal Free centres, which was somehow appropriate. Lewis converted it and kicked a penalty. That penalty made the score 3—3 after 10 minutes, which was the closest St George's ever got to contention. Last year St George's lost 64—3 to the Middlesex in the first round. So they have come on a little since then.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL: M. McLaren; J. Jackson, O. Chan, J. Evans, A. Platts; D. Parson, W. McFadzean; I. Cartwright, M. Fox, C. Todd, A. Doble, S. Robertson, D. Moore, P. Yellowlees, J. Watkinson.
ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL: N. Lewis; K. Badelow, C. Broom, J. Edmonds, J. Dimond (sub: G. Strankis); P. Thomas (sub: P. Sanville), C. Green; J. Shaw, P. Littlejohns, M. Curtis, A. Wingham, M. Johnson, P. O'Keeffe, F. Vitty, J. McCarron.
Referee: D. Spyer (London).



Bevan plunges rward to score Middlesex's first try.

Greater cohesion comes rom Middlesex pack

Richard Streeton

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Middlesex, better drilled and mer under pressure, deserved win this first-round Hospitals' p game with University College Honor Oak Park yesterday. Middlesex won by goal and three s against a goal and two alty goals and in Lamden, the lequins scrum half, they had man of the match.

here were times, especially in first half, when it seemed bigger UCH pack, and two ful centres in Graham and l, might hold the trumps. In end, though, UCH lacked other ic essentials. Their forwards om showed the same cohesion the Middlesex pack and their e quarter were without the to capitalize on the openings ted.

Lamden, was efficient in every- he did. Bevan and Dansie two aggressive flank for- ds and Davidson the prop, did sound work. Garner Collins Pinder won a lot of lineout for UCH; Thomas kicked lly but handling mistakes did help their cause. Montgomery kicked two good alties at opposite ends of the half for UCH but in between Middlesex superiority in covering and teamwork was clearly evident. Bevan scored their first try, which Roblin converted, after Lamden broke from a scrummage near the line. Lamden scored his side's second try after again combining well with Bevan. Middlesex lost Roblin with a thigh injury shortly before half time but Dylan Jones contributed much as kicker and distributor when he substituted.

Middlesex achieved a pushover try credited to Stalker early in the second half but their advantage shrunk to 14-12 with 15 minutes left when Montgomery converted a try scored by Thomas after a 35-yard solo run. The rucks and mauls became even fiercer and more prolonged. Middlesex lost Galloway with a gashed knee, but after a forward rush and two successful rucks Stalker scored a second and decisive try for Middlesex.

UCH: D. Montgomery; S. Hugh-Jones, G. Graham, M. Ball, G. Payne; M. Thomas, R. Nashed; J. Evans, C. Vlagor, A. Brooke, S. Garner, P. Collins, B. Hayes, S. Pinder, G. Hill.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL: J. B. DeRosse; S. V. W. Coppinger, L. R. Furlong, S. J. S. Turner, R. W. Hunter; P. H. Roblin (sub. D. Jones), C. St J. Lamden; C. M. Davidson, A. R. Galloway (sub D. Beughan), D. G. Anderson, N. A. Spray, S. N. Jones, C. D. Bevan, M. J. Stalker, N. B. Dansie.
Referee: A. Caines (London).

almié found ilty on sault charge

on, Jan 10.—Michel Palmié, a ch international lock-forward, today fined 1,500 francs ut £166) and ordered to pay 00 francs in damages by a t here after being found y of assaulting an opponent's club rugby match two years

t this was not thought to his chances of being picked lay against England. Two days the French Federation presi- Albert Ferrasse, indicated Palmié would be dropped if he was given a prison nce.

Cooper agrees to play on Moseley wing

Martin Cooper, the Moseley stand-off half passed over by the England selectors for Saturday week's international against France in Paris, reverts to the wing for his club against Northampton at the Reddings.

Moseley have three wings (Alan Thomas, Peter Beddoes and Rudi Smith) on the injured list and Cooper, who began the season on the wing, has agreed to fill one of the gaps. His decision also enables Moseley to keep at stand-off Cusworth, a hero of North Midland's win over Gloucestershire in the county final a fortnight ago

Racing



Royal Exchange (left), who was pulled up too early, and Alec Lewis, the eventual winner, clear the first fence on the third circuit.

Hostility after rider's mistake

There was an unhappy repetition for the Gifford stable in Fontwell's Robert Gore Memorial Challenge Cup yesterday when an amateur rider, Hywel Davies, mistook the number of circuits and pulled up the leader and 9-4 favourite, Royal Exchange, when he sshould have gone round again. The crowd roared a warning but it was too late, and Alec Lewis was presented with the advantage.

Royal Exchange was soon urged back into his stride, but after showing ahead again at the 17th and 18th, he had shot his bolt when falling three from home. By then, Alec Lewis had the prize in safe keeping, and went on to score from the only other survivors, Nampara and Bryan Boru.

Many believed Royal Exchange would have scored but for his rider's mistake, and young Davies had to face some hostile remarks on his return. Ironically, it was here just a year ago that the student from Aberystwyth University rode his first winner at the *first attempt on Mister Know All*. And it was also 12 months ago in this race that another of Gifford's amateur jockeys, George Sloan, pulled up Monfire at the same spot in the same circumstances. But then there was a happy outcome, for Monfire regained the lost ground and went on to beat Moonstone Lad.

Davies was later asked by the stewards why he had pulled up after two miles when there was a further circuit to complete. They were unable to accept his explanation and cautioned him for failing to acquaint himself with the course.

Alec Lewis made it a splendid occasion for his 21-year-old owner-rider Timothy Thomson Jones, who has spent some tough weeks fire-fighting. Thomson Jones, son of the Newmarket trainer, is an Army officer and *has been manning a Green Goddess* in Holloway.

There was compensation for Josh Gifford, who was at Leicester where he saddled two winners, Swallow Prince and Modesty Forbids. And Gifford also won Fontwell's Pulborough Novices Hurdle (Division two) *with a racecourse newcomer*, Sweet Kybo, half brother to a stable companion, Kybo. The Fontwell chairman, Isadore Kerman, a part-owner, confidently announced: "I'll win the Champion Hurdle with Kybo and the Triumph Hurdle with this one." Sweet Kybo, who beat the *seasoned Welsh Treaty by a head*, and his half brother, who is enjoying a rest, were both bought by Gifford in Northern Ireland.

Winner of Ascot event expected to receive £100,000 for first time

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

As in previous years De Beers have made a film of the two races they sponsor annually at Ascot in *July. And at the film's preview* in London yesterday it was announced that the added money for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes would be increased this year by £13,000 to £123,000. Of that the Ascot authority will contribute £36,000; the Levy board £32,000 and De Beers £55,000.

It has also been decided that the closing date for the race should be about a month later than in the past. This year it will be Wednesday, May 24, which is after the meetings at Chester, Lingfield Park, Newmarket and York. *At the same time entry fees* have been increased. That was inevitable, with a later closing date.

But it is hoped that this will result in the value to the winner being more than £100,000 for the first time. All the other races on Diamond day, with the exception of the women's race will carry *a minimum of £5,000 added.*

This year the women's race will be called the Great Mogul Diamond Stakes and it will have £2,500 added. As in the past De Beers will be giving diamond trophies to the winning owner, trainer and jockey of the horse that wins the big race and a *diamond prize to the successful* rider in the women's race.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association in London yesterday, the Duke of Devonshire said that the past year has been one of very mixed blessings for the breeding industry with problems of disease during the stud season being followed by an encouraging increase in the prices of yearlings.

The Duke, who took over as president of the Association last year after the retirement of Jakie Astor said that the outbreak of contagious equine metritis in 1977 *was extremely worrying and* that the eradication of the disease must be of the utmost importance. The Duke went on to say that there was absolutely no doubt that this country, having declared its hand, had suffered internationally by doing so. Other countries have had the same problems and had done nothing whatsoever to inform other leading breeding countries.

Unless information of this kind is made freely available both nationally and internationally there will be a reluctance to report such outbreaks and this is quite unacceptable. The council *of the TBA intend setting up a* veterinary investigation unit which will be able to receive all information as diseases occur and to liaise with its counterparts in other countries. The aim, the Duke went on, must be for a quick transmission of information and we cannot work in isolation.

Already a code of practice for the control of the disease has been circulated to breeders and it is vital that they should conform to the recommendations. Few realize how much work is undertaken annually by the council on behalf of the breeding industry as a whole.

Last year the announcement that the Levy Board had agreed to introduce the fillies premium scheme in 1978 was a big feather in their cap, for it was common knowledge that they had been pressing for it for a long time.

The Duke said that it may not be the most satisfactory way of using the money available, but it was a step in the right direction and the council hoped that the scheme would be widened in 1979 to include fillies of all ages. Certainly the announcement of the scheme which is restricted to two-year-old fillies this year seemed to have a dramatic effect on prices for yearling fillies bred in Britain at the October and Houghton Sales last autumn. Compared with 1976, fillies bred and raised in Britain showed an average increase of 36.3 per cent at the October Sales, whereas those sold a fortnight later at the Houghton Sales showed an increase of 50.6 per cent.

Last year the Council's campaign on behalf of breeders also led to the setting up of two committees to look in depth into the problems facing both flat and National Hunt breeders. The first committee was the joint Racing Board's working party under the chairmanship of Michael Wyatt. Their paper has already been sent to the stewards of the Jockey Club and the Levy Board, but as yet their findings have not been made public, nor has the Joint Racing Board's reaction.

The second committee is the one set up by the Jockey Club under the chairmanship of John Sumner to examine ways and means of encouraging the production and racing of horses in steeplechases. The problem facing them has been highlighted recently by the dearth of runners in what has been a very open winter.

The Duke of Devonshire ended his speech yesterday by drawing attention to some of the remarks that Mr Astor made in his address 12 months earlier. Then his predecessor had said: "The Royal Commission reported in 1951 and it was 10 years before there was any legislation which affected racing." He also said: "The stewards of the Jockey Club have gone a long way recently to respond to the legitimate hopes and aspirations of the various racing and breeding organizations and unless and until there is a new statutory organization we must all try to make the present system work."

"I feel very strongly on this point", the Duke said, and he went on: "Way back in 1973 I went so far as to circulate my fellow members of the Jockey Club a paper urging the club to take a lead in demanding radical changes in administration of the racing industry. Fortunately now the club has made recommendations very similar to those outlined in my paper to the Royal Commission on Gambling.

"I must confess that I wish that my powers of persuasion over my colleagues had been more successful since it might have prevented the public slanging match between the Levy Board and the Jockey Club which can only do harm to all those involved in racing."

Decent Fellow embarks on an ambitious programme

By Michael Seely

Decent Fellow and Beacon Light are two of the 49 entries for the £10,000 Erin Foods Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on February 18. Comedy of Errors and Shelahnu are the only other English-trained horses in a list which includes all the top hurdlers in Ireland.

Decent Fellow's trainer, Toby Balding, said at Leicester yesterday: "I am still going to have a look at the Schweppes weights when they are published tomorrow. *But if Decent Fellow has* too much weight at Newbury, I might well have a crack at Night Nurse in the William Hill Yorkshire Hurdle at Doncaster. That will still give me time to take in the Irish race as a preliminary for the championship." This may sound an ambitious programme, *but the Irish Sweeps Hurdle win-*ner has already proved himself a tough customer who can stand more racing than most.

Balding has also entered Orillo for the £8,000 Harold Clarke Handicap Steeplechase on the same afternoon. But this race is dominated by the Irish candidates which *include last year's winner, Bannow* Rambler, Brown Lad, Bunker Hill and Fort Fox.

The Weyhill trainer was at Leicester to see Halgo run in the Cottesmore Novices Steeplechase. Halgo tried to make all the running, but was totally outclassed by Modesty Forbids, who gave Josh Gifford his forty-first success of the season.

I had thought Modesty Forbids as likely to be in need of another race after being beaten so easily by The Dealer at Kempton Park. However, Richard Peskin's six-year-old gave an immaculate display of fencing in the hands of Bob Champion. In a season when we have seen so many exciting young chasers, Modesty Forbids is the latest to join their ranks. He still looked on the portly side in the paddock and still has further improvement in him.

Gifford is riding the crest of a wave at present and was exuding confidence. "Modesty Forbids will give The Dealer a race in the Sun Alliance Steeplechase all right", the Findon trainer said: "and what is more Kilbroney will give Winter's horse a hard time of it in the Embassy final at Haydock."

Earlier Gifford had landed the first leg of a double when Major Derek Wigan's Swallow Prince had run out a decisive winner of the first division of the Croxton Novices Hurdle. Swallow Prince's task was made easier when the 13-8 favourite, Linton, was forced out at the second flight of hurdles.

A feast of racing is promised at both Ascot and Newcastle on Saturday. Ascot features the £5,500 Blue Circle Cement Handicap Steeplechase. John Thorne's novice, Artifice, has been installed favourite at 5-2 with Ladbroke's for this two-mile handicap. Despite his inexperience Artifice has recorded exceptionally fast times in his two recent victories at Ascot. Although the other acceptors include such quick two-milers as Grangewood Girl, Tree Tangle, Early Spring and Cancello, Artifice could well start at a shorter *price on Saturday.*

Newcastle's programme is packed with interest. The £7,500 Pintail Steeplechase numbers Royal Frolic, Broncho II, Tamalin and Cancello among its eight acceptors. Royal Frolic and Broncho II are certain runners for this three mile conditions race. Cancello will pro*bably go to Ascot and Tamalin has* an alternative engagement in the £5,000 Ladbroke Trophy Steeplechase.

The race of the week is promised for the £3,000 Shoveller Novices Hurdle. Peter Easterby's impressive Leicester winner, Netherton, will probably start favourite. But his mettle will be tested to the full by such talented four-year-olds as Pollerton, Honegger and Michael Easterby's Urser, who has already been heavily backed to win the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle.

The excitement does not end there as both Sweet Joe and Alverton are under orders for the Widgeon Novices Steeplechase. Sweet Joe was looking all over a winner when he fell four fences from home in Fin's race at Cheltenham. And Alverton's hurdling ability makes him an interesting *recruit to fences.*

At Towcester this afternoon Fulke Walwyn can capture the Broadwater Handicap Hurdle with Gaffer. The Lambourn trainer holds a high opinion of his easy Warwick winner. The Gaffer's main opponent is likely to be David Nicholson's Colonel Nelson, *who was by no means disgraced* when runner-up to Newgate at Newcastle.

Gifford can continue his winning ways by taking the Well To Do Challenge Cup with Salviati. This useful old gelding looked in need of the run when beating Sharageen at Leicester and is a confident selection. Richard Head and John Francome should be in the money with Blue Braes in the first division of the Longwater Novices Hurdle. Blue Braes acquitted himself well when third to Ruby Wine at Warwick and should have the measure of his rivals.

At Kelso John O'Neill can continue to blaze his trail of success by winning the Duns Handicap Steeplechase on that consistent nine-year-old Crofton Hall and the first division of the Coldstream Novices Hurdle on Great Echo. *O'Neill's mount, Skiddaw View, is* weighted to beat Tregarron in the Swinton Handicap Steeplechase. But Skiddaw View had a desperately hard race when winning at Ayr and I prefer Tregarron.

STATE OF GOING (official): Towcester: Good to soft. Kelso: Good to soft. Southwell: Good to soft. Wincanton: Good to soft.

Award given to Turnell for two notable wins

By Michael Phillips

It was announced yesterday that Andrew Turnell has won the Bollinger Jeroboam award for December after his notable successes on Birds Nest at Cheltenham and Beacon Light at Kempton Park. These performances gained him preference over Colin Hawkins, who won the Massey Ferguson Gold Cup on Even Melody and both ohn Francome *and Jonjo O'Neill.*

Considerinf Bird's Nest's tendency to hang to his left in the past, the panel felt that Turnell did exceptionally well to keep the horse running on a straight line up the hill to the finish. Even the men of Timeform were sufficiently moved by Turnell's riding to say that he had ridden Bird's Nest brilliantly.

As well as those two important victories on Bird's Nest and Beacon Light, he also excelled on Tree Tangle at Sandown Park and rode Jack Anthony to win at Chepstow when he was suffering *from influenza.*

Towcester programme

1.0 DEER PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £807: 2m 5f 110yd)
2 33-f112 Mannyboy, J. Gifford, 8-12-5 .... R. Rowe
5 130034 Gay God, D. Pearman, 8-11-7 .... P. Burgoyne
6 34-3201 Lochus, T. Forster, 7-11-4 .... J. Marshall
8 030043 Woodham, J. Old, 8-10-11 .... K. Mooney
Evens Mannyboy, 9-4 Lochus, 9-2 Gay God, 8-1 Woodham.

1.30 LONGWATER HURDLE (Div I: novices: £506: 2m)
201 0-0012* Mexican Silk (D), G. Vergette, 5-11-12 .... P. Kelly
202 003 Blue Braes, R. Head, 6-11-4 .... J. Francome
204 00000- Graphite, A. Fisher, 6-11-4 .... K. McCauley
206 0- Matsuba, J. Harris, 8-11-4 .... P. Tuck 7
207 Outburst, J. Marriage, 6-11-4 .... S. Hives 5
208 034000- Ballyglass, R. Vibert, 5-11-2 .... G. Thorner
211 000 Festival Hall, D. Sasse, 5-11-2 .... M. Floyd
216 4 Killary Star, N. Gaselee, 5-11-2 .... J. Snaith 5
217 0 Kings North, D. Nicholson, 5-11-2 .... J. Suthern
220 0 Sea Heather, S. Mellor, 5-11-2 .... P. Blacker
221 00313 Jocks Bond, R. Armytage, 4-10-13 .... H. J. Evans
225 p Amber River, N. Callaghan, 4-10-5 .... J. King
227 3 MacKelly, J. Old, 4-10-5 .... C. Candy
Evens MacKelly, 4-1 Blue Braes, 6-1 Jocks Bond, 8-1 Mexican Silk, 10-1 Killary Star, 12-1 Kings North, 16-1 others.

2.0 WELL TO DO STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £876: 3m 190yd)
302 03221-1 Salviati, J. Gifford, 10-12-3 .... R. Champion
306 134 Mr Snowman, T. Forster, 9-11-11 .... G. Thorner
307 10-p434 Court Shadow, D. Greig, 9-11-5 .... P. Barton
311 1-p0fp Bassant, P. Horton, 8-10-13 .... R. R. Evans
4-5 Salviati, 7-4 Mr Snowman, 5-1 Court Shadow, 14-1 Bassant.

2.30 WATERHALL STEEPLECHASE Novices: £625: 2m 50yd)
403 p Biasta, D. Edmunds, 8-11-3 .... Mr I. McKie 7
407 121-00* Cinchid, N. Callaghan, 7-11-5 .... J. King
409 0p-04 Dalloway, J. Bloom, 6-11-3 .... D. Sunderland
411 p- Dinaraise, T. Forster, 9-11-3 .... G. Thorner
412 00032-0 Fighting Cock, D. Ringer, 6-11-3 .... H. J. Evans
413 p-0p0 Flying Poppy, P. Arthur, 6-11-3 .... M. O'Halloran
416 p-0p00 Java Fox, B. Cambidge, 8-11-3 .... G. Jones
418 422-402 Lok Yee, Rex Carter, 8-11-3 .... R. Atkins
421 rf00-00 Red Spot, M. Banks, 7-11-3 .... M. Stanley
423 00 Tagliatelle, R. Armytage, 5-11-3 .... S. Parkyn
424 4f-4 Valmony, D. Morley, 6-11-3 .... B. R. Davies
425 00-0 Whistling Swan, K. Ivory, 8-11-3 .... G. McCourt
9-4 Valmony, 7-2 Cinchid, 9-2 Fighting Cock, 6-1 Dinaraise, 8-1 Lok Yee, 10-1 Tagliatelle, 12-1 Dalloway, 16-1 others.

3.0 BROADWATER HURDLE (Handicap: £656: 2m)
502 00-p030 Fighting Taffy (D), P. Upton, 11-11-3 .... P. Burgoyne 7
503 1-00 Archbold, F. Winter, 7-11-0 .... J. Francome
505 11-01 Gaffer (D), F. Walwyn, 6-10-12 .... W. Smith
506 00-3 Charlotson (D), J. Gifford, 6-10-10 .... R. Champion
507 00f012 Colonel Nelson (C-D), D. Nicholson, 7-10-10 .... A. Webb 5
508 001030 Princes Arcade (D), G. Kindersley, 5-10-7 .... R. R. Evans
509 1000-00 More Luck, D. Morley, 6-10-4 .... B. R. Davies
511 1-30000 Stevens Boy (D), R. Atkins, 5-10-2 .... R. Atkins
516 0 Santollis, D. Gandolfo, 9-10-0 .... P. Barton
517 042004 Jave River, S. Mellor, 9-10-0 .... J. Rowe 7
520 2000pf Take It Easy, J. Clark, 7-10-0 .... N. Laverock
9-4 Gaffer, 7-2 Colonel Nelson, 5-1 Archbold, 6-1 Charlotson, Princes Arcade, 10-1 More Luck, 12-1 Fighting Taffy, 16-1 others.

3.30 LONGWATER HURDLE (Div II: novices: £500: 2m)
606 p-p0 Killulagh Jack, C. Dingwall, 7-11-4 .... R. Champion
608 0-00 Tudor Ruff, R. Murphy, 6-11-4 .... G. Thorner
609 000 Barnby Broad, G. Vergette, 5-11-2 .... P. Kelly
610 000-004 Case Study, J. Joseph, 5-11-2 .... Joe Guest
612 40-03 Lantern Boy, M. Salaman, 5-11-2 .... R. Hyett
615 400-032 Oedipus, D. Morley, 5-11-2 .... B. R. Davies
616 0-00 Sutherland's Law, D. Ringer, 5-11-2 .... H. J. Evans
625 00 Tarylin, W. A. Ancil, 4-10-5 .... S. C. Knight
Evens Oedipus Rex, 2-1 Lantern Boy, 9-2 Case Study, 10-1 Sutherland's Law, 16-1 others.

Ballet Lord, foot perfect, easily defeats rivals

After four disappointing efforts this season Flying Hugue returned to winning form in fine style at Teesside Park yesterday when carrying top weight to victory in the Eastington Handicap Hurdle. Flying Hugue will shortly embark on a new career over fences, and his trainer Tony Dickinson is excited about the five-year-old's prospects as a steeplechaser.

"He is a fine big horse, a natural jumper of fences, and has done nothing wrong in recent home schools.", Dickinson said. Michael *Dickinson powered smoothly away* when challenged by Tommys Hope at the final flight.

Ballet Lord, rated by Neville Crump as one of the best horss he has trained in recent years, made short work of rivals in the Seaham Novices' Steeplechase. Lord had fallen in three of his *previous four races but apart from* a slight mistake two fences from home was foot perfect this time.

"Ballet Lord has been receiving treatment for a shoulder injury but he is fully recovered now. I would like to find another easy race like this before tackling stiffer company", Crump said. Colin Hawkins came in for the winning ride on Ballet Lord after Dennis Atkins was slightly concussed earlier in the afternoon when unseated from West End Lad in the Hartlepool Handicap Steeplechase.

Victory in this three-mile race went to Arthur Stephenson's Grand National hope Cantabet. The nine-year-old stayed on in style after being level at the final fence with Soutra and the even money favour*ite Rambling Artist. Stephenson,* who owns Cantabet in partnership *with Joe Lisle, rates the gelding* as an ideal Aintree horse.

Henry Hotfoot, bought for 2,300 guineas at Newmarket's Autumn Sales after winning a Taunton Hurdle for a Devon butcher, John Hill, had his first success for a new owner Diana Craig in the first division of the Shotton Novices *Hurdle. Mrs Craig's husband John* owns the Red Rum Hotel in Stockport. Henry Hotfoot may run again at Haydock Park later this month on the same day as the Craig's star performer Eborneezersdouble attempts glory in the Embassy Steeplechase Final.

Lanark fixtures rearranged

After notification from the Racecourse Directors that racing at Lanark would no longer be possible, the Horserace Betting Levy Board has withdrawn the Certificate of Approval issued to the course and the stewards of the Jockey Club have allowed the racecourse licence to lapse. The stewards have also cancelled the fixtures allocated to Lanark for 1978.

Alternative fixtures in Scotland have been arranged as follows: Hamilton Park: Thursday, April 13; Wednesday, July 19; Thursday, July 20; Monday, September 4; Tuesday, October 24. Edinburgh: Tuesday, June 6; Tuesday, June 20. Perth: Friday, October 27.

These additional fixtures have necessitated three further alterations to the fixture list. The meeting at Hamilton Park on Wednesday, April 5, has been transferred to Wednesday, April 12. The evening meeting at Edinburgh on Monday, June 12, has been transferred to Monday evening, June 5. The meeting at Hamilton Park on Tuesday, June 20, has been transferred to Thursday, June 22.

Kelso programme

12.45 COLDSTREAM HURDLE (Div I: novices: £484: 2m)
3 000 Glendaruel, W. Crawford, 6-11-5 .... N. Doughty 7
4 004-0 Great Echo, A. Scott, 8-11-5 .... J. J. O'Neill
6 0 Hatfield Height, P. Poston, 7-11-5 .... T. Albone 7
8 0 Vidkun, R. Fisher, 6-11-5 .... J. Errington 7
9 000p-00 Bay Corniche, N. Chamberlain, 5-11-1 .... B. Ashbridge 7
10 0 Cashea, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-1 .... A. Fletcher 7
12 40- Hydrographic, R. Johnson, 5-11-1 .... B. Ellison
13 00-0 Meadows House, F. Dundas, 5-11-1 .... Mr A. Thomson 7
14 000- Melanna, T. Craig, 5-11-1 .... M. Ennis 7
15 00-0p00 Samburu, G. Robinson, 5-11-1 .... A. N. Robinson 7
16 0 Satan's Serenade, G. Fairbairn, 5-11-1 .... M. Dickinson
17 0-0 Seven Stars, K. Oliver, 5-11-1 .... R. Barry
19 Yellow Star, G. Wallace, 5-11-1 .... —
8-11 Great Echo, 7-2 Vidkun, 5-1 Seven Stars, 10-1 Cashea, 12-1 Hydrographic, 14-1 Melanna, 16-1 Satan's Serenade, 20-1 others.

1.15 DUNS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £858: 2m 196yd)
1 11-1u13 Crofton Hall (C-D), J. Dixon, 9-12-7 .... J. J. O'Neill
4 3-43223 Tumbeleena, T. Dun, 10-10-9 .... Mr T. G. Dun 7
1-3 Crofton Hall, 2-1 Tumbeleena.

1.45 GRANTSHOUSE HURDLE (Handicap: £651: 2m)
1 142221 Igloo Fire (C-D), W. A. Stephenson, 5-12-4 .... R. Lamb
4 113000- Golden End (C-D), R. Cross, 7-10-8 .... S. Charlton 5
5 120-000 Candied Peel, K. Tuer, 7-10-4 .... G. Dowds 7
7 224020 John McNab (D), J. Love, 6-10-0 .... N. Balmer 5
9 0 Carmoni Prince, F. Dundas, 8-10-0 .... P. Mangan
10 0240-00 Lordel, S. Leadbetter, 6-10-0 .... M. Barnes
12 000- Canvey Island, P. Poston, 8-10-0 .... T. Albone 7
13 0- Red Saint, T. Craig, 8-10-0 .... M. Ennis 7
2-1 John McNab, 5-2 Igloo Fire, 6-1 Golden End, 8-1 Carmoni Prince, 10-1 Lordel, Candied Peel, 16-1 Red Saint, 33-1 Canvey Island.

2.15 SWINTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £789: 3m)
1 0-20311 Skiddaw View (D), J. Dixon, 11-12-2 .... J. J. O'Neill
2 0-32102 Tregarron (D), K. Oliver, 11-12-0 .... R. Barry
3 024-104 Stag Party (C-D), B. Wilkinson, 10-10-13 .... D. Atkins
5 u20140 Little Swift (C-D), D. McLean, 8-10-12 .... A. Dickman
4-7 Skiddaw View, 9-4 Tregarron, 6-1 Stag Party, 10-1 Little Swift.

2.45 DRYBURGH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £623: 2m 196yd)
1 012332 Brother Will, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-7 .... G. Faulkner
4 411420 Tangles Brother, T. Craig, 6-11-0 .... —
5 000130 Village Dusky, Denys Smith, 6-11-0 .... A. Dickman
4-5 Brother Will, 6-4 Tangles Brother, 6-1 Village Dusky.

3.15 COLDSTREAM HURDLE (Div II: novices: £480: 2m)
1 031 Nashita (D), J. Mulhall, 5-11-11 .... S. Charlton 5
2 0-04002 Bitter End, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-3 .... R. Collins
3 0 Master Teddy, R. Fisher, 7-11-3 .... R. Lamb
5 00-00 Moving Spirit, R. Cross, 6-11-3 .... J. Woodcock 7
7 0-0 Wenceslas, T. Craig, 6-11-3 .... M. Ennis 7
8 ff0-00 Allerdale, D. MacDonald, 5-11-1 .... D. Goulding
10 02p000 Cheviot Guide, G. Renilson, 5-11-1 .... Mr P. Craggs 5
14 0031 Highland Spice (D), F. Walton, 4-10-10 .... Mr J. Walton
15 p0 Gun Shy, R. Cross, 4-10-0 .... C. Hawkins
16 0 Singing Span, G. Robinson, 4-10-0 .... D. Turnbull 7
17 0 Tears of Joy, R. Allan, 4-10-0 .... J. J. O'Neill
9-4 Highland Spice, 7-2 Bitter End, 4-1 Nashita, 6-1 Wenceslas, 8-1 Allerdale, Singing Span, 16-1 Tears of Joy, 20-1 others.

Kelso selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Great Echo. 1.15 Crofton Hall. 1.45 Igloo Fire. 2.15 Tregarron. 2.45 Tangle's Brother. 3.15 Highland Spice.

Towcester selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.0 Lochus. 1.30 Blue Braes. 2.0 SALVIATI is specially recommended. 2.30 Valmony. 3.0 Gaffer. 3.30 Lantern Boy.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Amber River. 2.30 Cinchid. 3.0 More Luck. 3.30 Oedipus.

Leicester results

12.45 (12.46) **CROXTON PARK HURDLE** (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £625: 3m)
Swallow Prince, b c, by My Swallow—Princess Gretel (Maj D. Wigan), 11-0 R. Champion (2-1) 1
Jimmy Page .. S. C. Knight (7-2) 2
Dolly Dickins C. Astbury (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Linton (ro), 16-1 Bells Again, 25-1 Daventry Seabink, Mardive, 33-1 Bla-Kross, Chestnut Walk (4th), Russell's Choice, Showaddywaddy, Whistlers Princess. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 24p, 20p, 22p; dual forecast, 53p. J. Gifford, at Findon. 4l, 1l.

1.15 (1.16) **BROOK HURDLE** (Handicap: £445: 2m)
Bargillean, b g, by Hul A Hul—Black Stocking (G. Draper), 5-10-7 .. M. O'Shea (7-2 jt fav) 1
Lacrimally .. I. Cebole (7-2 jt fav) 2
Rullahman .... A. Lovell (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Mr Whicker (4th), 11-2 George Kirtland, 7-1 Cariquest, 12-1 Misdeal, 20-1 Snyda's Ride, 50-1 El Muchacho, Dandy Scot (p), Paquita (p). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 19p, 11p, 34p; dual forecast, £3.96. G. Wallace, at Grantham. 3l, 4l. The winner was bought in for 600 gns.

1.45 (1.47) **RUGBY STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £928: 2m)
El Cardo, ch g, by El Ruedo—Devon (T. Whitley), 8-9-11 P. Richards (6-4) 1
Exhibit B .. K. Mooney (6-5 fav) 2
Julian Swift .. J. Francome (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win, 30p; dual forecast, 19p. Mrs E. Kennard, at Taunton. 3l, 25l.

2.15 (2.19) **COTTESMORE STEEPLECHASE** (Novices: £1,075: 3m)
Modesty Forbids, ch g, by Cantab—Super Star (R. Peskin), 6-10-12 R. Champion (4-6 fav) 1
Halgo .... R. Linley (6-1) 2
Jackstones .... R. Dickin (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Sanskrit (4th), 9-1 Drum Major, Glenglush (p), 14-1 Strongbox, 20-1 Cherry Lad, 33-1 Trump Card (p), 66-1 Nelson Boy, 100-1 Bell-Amys (f), Blue Duke, Court Shade, Kevin's Slipper, Mafia King, Our Illusion (f), Rathowen, Stonewaller (p). 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 23p, 19p, 13p; dual forecast, 39p. J. Gifford, at Findon. 3l, 3l.

2.45 (2.47) **DANIEL LAMBERT HURDLE** (Handicap: £947: 3m)
Paper Rich, ch h, by Richboy—Paperback (G. Tanner), 5-11-4 S. Smith Eccles (9-4) 1
Prince Abyss .. G. McCourt (12-1) 2
The Dunce .. W. Smith (7-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Another Dove, 8-1 True Shot, 10-1 Nougat (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 11p, 38p; *dual forecast, 66p.* A. W. Goodwill, at Newmarket. 2l, 3l.

3.15 (3.16) **CROXTON PARK HURDLE** (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £655: 2m)
Westering Home, b c, by Continuation—Rose Of The West (Mrs P. Isaacs), 11-0 P. Blacker (25-1) 1
Little Rooster R. R. Evans (50-1) 2
Dutchman ..... G. Thorner (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 1-2 Slasher (4th), 11-1 *Hallez-Loup*, 16-1 Tamalinden Tilla, 20-1 Ice Kit, Money In, 50-1 Ask Me Nicely, Black Fleece, Centaur Star, Heldorty, Jonswallow, Renworth. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.82; places, £1.47, £9.21, 16p; dual forecast, £30.55. S. Mellor, at Lambourn. 3l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: El Cardo, Paper Rich, £16.55. TREBLE: Bargillean, Modesty Forbids, Westering Home, £61.50. Tote Jackpot not won. Today's guaranteed pool at Towcester: £3,475. Tote Place Pot: £81.35.

Teesside Park

12.45 (12.46) **SHOTTON HURDLE** (Div I: 4-y-o: £454: 2m 176yds)
Henry Hotfoot, b c, by Hotfoot—Tudor Cream, 11-0 M. Lowry (5-1) 1
Fabrica .. J. J. O'Neill (1-2 fav) 2
Away Swallow .. C. Tinkler (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 20-1 Saunders (p), 33-1 Dutch Silver (4th), Lady-Le-Gros (p), 100-1 Miss Bagley. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.10; places, 31p, 11p; dual forecast, 26p. E. Carter, at Malton. 2½l, 25l.

1.15 (1.16) **BLACKHALL HURDLE** (Handicap: £379: 2m 176yd)
Galah Bird, b m, by Darling Boy—Lyme Bird, 7-11-0 N. Tinkler (6-4 fav) 1
Blessed Boy .. J. P. O'Neill (14-1) 2
Rolus .... M. Barnes (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Naval Whistler (4th), Lirico, 7-1 Trim Lawns (p), 12-1 Seaton Sands, 14-1 Montanello, Happy Call, 25-1 Seven the Quadrant, Tims Choice, 33-1 Marchi, The Schemer, Smart Girl. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 18p, 26p, 23p; dual forecast, £7.80. C. Tinkler, at Thirsk. 7l, 6l. French Bridge did not run.

1.45 (1.47) **HARTLEPOOL STEEPLECHASE** (Handicap: £885: 3m 51yd)
Cantabet, b g, by Cantag—Fire Forest, 9-10-1 G. Faulkner (7-2) 1
Soutra .... C. Hawkins (8-1) 2
Rambling Artist D. Goulding (evens fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Stay-Bell (4th), 8-1 West End Lad (u), 33-1 Bottlers Neck (p). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 11p, 33p; dual forecast, £1.96. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 3l, 4l. Cancot did not run.

2.15 (2.18) **EASINGTON HURDLE** (Handicap: £603: 2m 176yd)
Flying Hugue, ch g, by Welsh Pageant—Reiza, 5-12-0 M. Dickinson (4-7 fav) 1
Tommys Hope .. D. Munro (5-1) 2
Embargo ...... R. Barry (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Naivasha (4th), 16-1 Luck, Huntercombe Lad, 20-1 Bosphorous Queen, 25-1 Summercense. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 20p, 82p; dual forecast, 21p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. 2½l, 8l.

2.45 (2.39) **SEAHAM STEEPLECHASE** (Novices: £819: 2½m)
Ballet Lord, ch g, by Coliseum—Lady Em II, 7-11-13 C. Hawkins (10-11 fav) 1
Rickwood Knight, J. Beaton (30-1) 2
Hals Slave .. G. Faulkner (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Mounthooly, Young Thomas (p), 12-1 Spartan Tudor (p), 14-1 Oakley Cross (4th), 16-1 Darling Eye (f), 20-1 Only Money, Plucky Punter, 25-1 Moorside (f), 33-1 Burghwallis, Tuckers Return, Desmond Dene (p). 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 13p, 57p, 22p; dual forecast, £7.74. N. Crump, at Middleham. 12l, 8l.

3.15 (3.17) **SHOTTON HURDLE** (Div II: novices: £473: 2m 176yd)
Royal Legend, b g, by Le Levanstell—Eminence Grise, 10-9 J. J. O'Neill (6-1) 1
Raise You .. J. Doyle (33-1) 2
Royal Budget ... R. Wilding (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Bobby Kempinski (4th), 7-4 Meadow Walk (f), 8-1 Las, 20-1 Henley Fair (b), 33-1 Double You (p), Mummy Rascal. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 70p; places, 24p, 57p, 40p; dual forecast, £4.28. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 8l, 4l. Royal Flip and Warrenwood Park did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Cantabet and Ballet Lord, £4.85. TREBLE: Galah Bird, Flying Hugue and Royal Legend, £10.70.

Fontwell Park

1.0 (1.03) **PULBOROUGH HURDLE** (Div I: novices: £612: 2m 1f)
Mr Playbirds, gr g, by Capistrano—Liesl (Roldcale Ltd), 4-10-7 J. King (5-4 fav) 1
River Mahwa .. B. Forsyth (10-1) 2
Roundtown .. S. R. Davies (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Deans Guy (4th), 14-1 No Silver, 16-1 Eastern Palace, Thornproof (f), 20-1 Cotopaxi, 33-1 Bridal Rose (p), Rugamuss, Annerletic, Mount Stephen, Upton Bishop. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 11p, 41p, 27p; dual forecast, £1.43. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 8l, 6l.

1.30 (1.32) **LIDSEY HURDLE** (Handicap: £559: 2m 1f)
Jolly Melody, ch g, by Jolly Jet—Merry Melody (Mrs R. Litton), 5-10-3 D. Briscoe (2-1 fav) 1
Irish Ward .... R. Forsyth (5-1) 2
Tacaranda, Mr M. Duerden (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 The Merrickstan, Heartstring, 10-1 Blasta Blaze, 12-1 Bonidon, Dragon Hill, 14-1 Cheapside, Sir Waldo, 16-1 Fair Streak, Om Shree, 20-1 Purple Emperor (4th), Another Will (p), Crazy Guy, Renee Rocket, Rossula. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 15p, 25p, 26p, 66p; dual forecast, £1.32. R. Carter, at Swaffham. 2l, 2l. The winner was bought in for 1,300 guineas.

2.0 (2.01) **ROBERT FORE CUP** Steeplechase (Handicap): £1,898: 3½m)
Alec Lewis, b g, by Orchardist—Kilmacurrick (T. Jones), 8-10-12 Mr T. Thomson-Jones (9-2) 1
Nampara ...... R. Floyd (5-1) 2
Bryan Boru ...... P. Barton (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Royal Exchange (f), 7-1 Jimmy Bowe (p), 10-1 Flying Prince (p), 25-1 Shamus Castle (D), Omao (f). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 91p; places, 21p, 13p, 20p; dual forecast, 87p. J. Haine, at Hardwicke. 12l, bad.

2.30 (2.31) **PULBOROUGH HURDLE** (Div II: Novices: £613: 2m 1f)
Sweet Kybo, b g, by Candy Cane—Clonakilty (Lady Becher), 4-10-0 ...... M. Stanley (9-2) 1
Welsh Treaty D. Briscoe (5-2 jt fav) 2
Wild Time .. M. O'Halloran (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt fav Amazon Ruler, 5-1 Good Intent (4th), 16-1 Bobby, 25-1 Ickworth Park. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 26p, 39p; dual forecast, £1.57. J. Gifford, at Findon. Hd, 6l.

3.0 (3.01) **WALBERTON STEEPLECHASE** (Novices: £713: 2½m)
Hill Fly, br h, by Hilary—She's Decided (H. Whitehouse), 6-11-0 J. King (5-1) 1
Glanfield .... R. Rowell (11-4) 2
Companion .. J. Pearce (5-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Church Belle (f), 20-1 Halley Road (f). 5 ran.
TTE: Win, 29p; dual forecast, 35p. F. Muggeridge, at Romsey. 10l, 12l.

3.30 (3.32) **PULBOROUGH HURDLE** Div III: Novices: £623: 2m 1f)
Vaguely James, ch g, by Jimmy Reppin—Vaguely Hopeful (Mrs A. Beeson), 4-9-7 R. Goldstein (7-4) 1
Heroncroft ... A. Vonsalves (14-1) 2
Bon Scarlet .... R. Rowell (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Le Soleil (4th), 10-1 Beau Chasseur, 14-1 Babbling Brook, Minosilias, 25-1 Gamlingay, 33-1 Caroll (p), Diamond Day (p). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 11p, 32p, 17p; dual forecast, £2.10. E. Beeson, at Newhaven. 3l, 1l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Alec Lewis, Hill Fly, £27.35. TREBLE: Jolly Melody, Sweet Kybo, Vaguely James, £28.53.

Rhodesia: why tribal differences are unlikely to mean civil war

By Our Foreign Staff

Rhodesian spokesmen in recent weeks have asserted that the Anglo-American plan for a settlement, emphasizing the role of the Patriotic Front, would unleash a tribal civil war. British exponents of the White Paper retort that any solution which does not include the Zanla guerrilla forces would be no less productive of civil war. Despite today's reports of inter-tribal fighting it is most unlikely that such a civil war would be tribal. The Rhodesians put it simply and crudely: the Matabele (Ndebele) would fight the Mashona (*Shona*)—a reversion to the inter-tribal warfare and oppression which the British settlers ended to the vast benefit of both "tribes".

But Rhodesian history is largely myth on this point, designed to justify ex post facto the occupation of Matabeleland and Mashonaland in the 1890s. The settlers had successively to fight both Ndebele and Shona warriors, and if anything found the Shona the tougher. The picture of a Ndebele warrior race subjugating the whole country is false; the Ndebele had a circle of tributory tribes within 50 to 100 miles of the Ndebele kingdom (founded in the 1850s by migrating Zulu-speaking pastoral people with Zulu organization and traditions). The white Rhodesians have sedulously sought to impose a Ndebele-Shona tribal rivalry on a much more complex social structure, to fit their earlier ideas; unfortunately not without a modicum of success.

A simple Shona-versus-Ndebele civil war is now ruled out by sheer disparity of numbers: the Ndebele are only 15 per cent of the whole black population. If the Shona were a single tribe, as Rhodesian propaganda implies, and if Zanu is the Shona party as Rhodesian propaganda also suggests, then Zanu is overwhelmingly the stronger party, and Zapu, as the Ndebele faction, hopelessly outclassed.

This makes nonsense of the Rhodesian prediction of civil war. But as it is also claimed that Bishop Muzorewa's party has 85 per cent of the country's support, it follows that the ANC must be an inter-tribal organization.

For in fact the Shonas are no more a single tribe than the English-speaking peoples are a single nation, all going to war together against common enemies. Only 15 per cent of the Africans speak Ndebele—but the Kalanga people, who speak Shona, are culturally closer to the Ndebele. Some 70 per cent of the Africans speak Shona, but they are divided into five or six tribal divisions, while perhaps another 14 per cent of the population is neither Ndebele or Shona speaking. Within the Shona language group, the largest tribe (if it may be so called) is the Karanga, which is a quarter of the entire black population, followed by the Zezuru (21 per cent), the Manyika (11 per cent) the Ndau (6 per cent) the Karekore (5 per cent) and the Kalanga (3 per cent).

These groups share the language, but have cultural and other traditions which make them distinct. Though they have defined areas, these have changed as the result of the Land Apportionment Act which puts a white tribal area through the middle of the country.

These considerations make nonsense of the former Rhodesian idea of a tripartite federal white-Shona-Ndebele state; even if other factors did not.

The Ndebele are no longer a warrior caste (comparable to the Tutsi) for the simple reason that the white man has repressed these Zulu traditions. There is no need for the other tribes to fear their overlordship in Zimbabwe. Equally, the Ndebele have no need to fear becoming an oppressed minority under Shona rule. In times of stress the Shona tribes' traditional differences come to the surface: thus the sanguinary internal leadership struggles within Zanu which culminated in the murder of Herbert Chitepo seems to have been, or become, a struggle between Karanga and Manyika clans or tribes—Chitepo was Manyika—both Shona-speaking.

Nor are individual Shona-speaking tribes united. Thus the Karanga contribute most recruits both to the Rhodesian army and to the anla (mainly anu) guerrilla forces. If a civil war is to supervene, therefore, it would be largely an intra-tribal affair, with the Karanga rearing themselves to pieces: on form, they have proved the most "warlike" group, joining both sides.

If the Karanga-dominated Zipa forces took over Zimbabwe as Frelimo took over Mozambique, the country might possibly end up Karanga-dominated, at least for a time, just as some black states are dominated by a single tribe (of the Kikuyu in Kenya). But under a civil government both the upper leadership and the parliamentary influences would have to be spread across all the ethnic and language groups (as in Nigeria). As in almost all African states, this would not exclude an element of tribal politicking, bargaining for shares in top jobs, land and political position. What is perhaps more important at the moment than tribe is the growth, among educated Africans, of a black élite-in-being that is unified, consciously or unconsciously, by anti-white feelings, developed over the whole 90 years of white supremacy, by the grievances, cultural humiliations and injustices that have sunk into the African mind.

Times of harsh repression and the worst excesses against human rights are over . . .

Is Brazil edging slowly towards democracy after 13 years of military rule?

Change is very much in the air in Brazil these days. After 13 years of military rule, pressures for a return to a more open system of government are making themselves felt, and it is easy to get the impression that the country is on the way back to some form of democracy.

Front-page headlines in the *Jornal do Brasil* quote leading figures as calling for a return to a democratic regime, or to "normality"; and there are columns of views about what should be done to modify or abolish Institutional Act *number five, generally known* as AI5, which is the basis for many of the government's arbitrary powers.

The contrast is particularly striking for someone who comes, as I did, from the grimmer conditions of Argentina. It is not just the press is less restricted in Brazil. It is also the fact that, after several years of harsh repression, Brazil is now largely free of the worst excesses in the human rights area—though there are still occasional cases of kidnapping and torture.

Economically, it is a country with much greater self-confidence than it was before the armed forces took over in 1964. Growth is no longer as fast as it was before the oil price increases of 1973 called a halt to the Brazilian "economic miracle"; and there is an inflation rate of 39 per cent. But it is beginning to make its presence felt on the world scene as its trade expands.

One continuing problem, of course, is the wide gap between rich and poor, between the rich of Rio de Janeiro or São Paulo, for instance, and the poor of the north-east. The contrast can be seen in Rio itself, where the *favelas*, or shanty-towns, cluster on the hillsides behind the plush blocks of flats along the Copacabana and Ipanema beaches.

The Copacabana beach is the setting for a peculiarly Brazilian phenomenon — the practice of *macumba*, based on the pagan rituals brought over from Africa by slaves. If you walk along the beach at night you find little clusters of burning candles, set in hollows in the sand, often accompanied by some roses, a bottle of wine and a glass or even a plate of food. They are offerings to Iemanjá, the goddess of water, and the people who put them out are quite unselfconscious about it.

Brazil is a giant on the South American scene, with its huge land area, larger than the *United States without* Alaska and Hawaii, and its population of 110 million; and it has long been seen as a "country of the future". It is still some way from fulfilling all the hopes that have been placed in it, but it is now beginning to feel strong enough to take a more definite view of its own interests.

For a long time it could be counted on to follow the American line on international issues. But the Americans met with a blunt refusal last year when they tried to stop the huge nuclear deal with West Germany, and they have found that Brazil is inclined to be increasingly independent on other issues, in spite of the burden of its large international debts. It has also resented complaints about human rights.

Brazilian diplomats explain all this as a natural consequence of economic growth over the past few years and of "greater status". Brazil, they say, with its large population and gross *national product*, has some of the ambitions of a great power; and they speak proudly of the nuclear agreement as "l'affaire du siècle".

They concede that Brazil is not yet part of the industrialized world. But it is aiming to achieve that status and regards itself as part of the western group of nations, not of the Third World, they say. This means that for the time being, Brazilian interests coincide sometimes with those of the industrialized countries, but at other times with those of the developing world.



President Geisel: regarded as a moderate.

The Brazilian political situation is in fact rather more complex and uncertain than it might seem at first sight. In spite of the easing that has taken place in the past few years, the military government still retains all the powers that it has used to control the country, and President Geisel showed last year that he was prepared to use them if he thought things were getting out of hand.

When the officially tolerated opposition party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB), succeeded in blocking a government proposal in Congress, he simply suspended the Congress for a time, and proceeded to change the rules for future elections so as to make sure the party had no chance of winning power.

It was a clear warning that the opposition would only be allowed to go so far. It means that though the Congressional and other elections to be held later this year will be actively contested by the MDB, the cards will be stacked in favour of Arena, the official party.

Even in the communications media, the greater freedom is only partial. Papers like the *Jornal do Brasil* and *O Estado de São Paulo*, which are prepared to be openly critical of the government, only reach a small minority of the population, while television and radio, with their much greater audience, remain closely censored.

There is nevertheless a real discussion under way now, launched by President Geisel in a speech in December, about the country's political future, and in particular about AI5, which was the instrument that allowed him to suspend Congress. General Geisel did not say what he himself thought should be done with AI5, but be said that he was prepared to have it revoked provided some "adequate safeguards" were left.

The assumption is that in the end the government will decide on some device that will give it essentially the same powers, though in a rather more acceptable form, perhaps as a new clause in the Constitution. But for the time being the debate is an open one, and has included some sharp attacks on AI5.

The interesting question is where the discussion will lead. There is no doubt that there is a considerable body of opinion which would like the armed forces to go back to their barracks and leave the government to civilians. Their numbers have increased lately, and include not only church leaders and students, but also lawyers and some businessmen.

None of this need necessarily impress the armed forces if they are really determined to stay. But the growing pressure for change is a political fact of which they have to take account; and it leads to differences between those who believe in maintaining a tight grip on Brazil's political life and those who want to be more flexible, or even to leave power before the armed forces become more unpopular.

They are all more or less influenced by the doctrine of "national security", which has been elevated into a sort of creed among the military in Brazil and other Latin American countries. This doctrine holds that national security, which is distinct from national defence, *is threatened by "subversion"*, which it tends to equate with communism.

Officials at the Escola Superior de Guerra, or Higher War College, in Rio explain elaborately that though opposition to the government is legitimate, there are occasions when criticism becomes so sharp as to constitute subversion. This was the case, they maintain, when Senhor Afe Furtado, the MDB leader in chamber of deputies, critic the government in a televi broadcast last summer, and his political rights rem because of it.

The basic fear in the ar forces seems to be that, was put to me by an off at the college, "full democ could be suicidal". So advance towards democ would have to be caref qualified with safegu against "subversion"; there could be no immec transition to democracy as had happened in Portugal Spain, because it would be dangerous.

Much is going to depenc General João Batista Fig edo, who President Geisel now named as his succes though President Geisel still more than 14 months of term of office to run, and well want to introduce s reforms of his own before hands over.

In spite of his decision suspend Congress, Gen Geisel is regarded as moderate, and he has often vocated a more open systen government. General Figu edo has been picked by and has said that he will tinue in the same broad But little is known about views.

There is also quite str support, both in the busi community and in Arena. Senator José de Magall Pinto, a wealthy banker would like to be the first lian President since the ar forces took over.

The Senator is a shrewd tician, and has spotted trend towards civilian. So President Geisel, since he named Senhor Aureli Chaves, the governor of state of Minas Gerais, as President. But for the being, the military, even divided, remain in control.

Peter Straff

Bernard Levin

The stolen mailing-list: a warning for moderates

Some months ago, I reported here on events in the London Freelance Branch of the National Union of Journalists, of which (both union and branch) I am a member. I did so, not in the belief that most of my readers' lives were or might be affected by what happened in those bodies, but because the events and conditions I described are common, *mutatis mutandis*, to many organizations today, and are therefore of wider relevance than the context might suggest.

Since then, I have been noticeably silent on the subject, except for some comments couched in the most general terms. The reason for my unwonted taciturnity lies in the fact that the Branch Standing Order which forbade (to members of the National Union *of Journalists*!) the publication of anything concerning branch affairs, and which was one of the rules changed at a crucial branch meeting, came back into force after it was discovered that the amendment of the rules on that occasion was unfortunately out of order. The night before last, however, with everything being done according to the book, this rule was finally rescinded, and I am now free to discuss what has happened in the organization since I put my head out of the briefly-opened window. And since I think that these matters are still of much broader significance than the confines of the branch or even of the union, I am *returning to the subject today.*

In the past year, the struggle to impose, or to resist the imposition of, control of the NUJ by a small minority of far-left militants (among whom the Trotskyist *groupuscules*, especially the SWP, are heavily represented) has continued, and indeed been intensified. The Trotskyists' "umbrella" within the union is an organization called Journalists' Charter; within the last few months, a countervailing body has been set up, called the Association of Journalists Against Extremists (acronymically known as Ajax). Important evidence as to the success of these rival forces will be deducible from the way the union's annual conference in April goes; some indication of the degree of support their respective views command within the union was provided by the result of the recent election for a new general secretary; one of the few positions within the NUJ to be voted for by direct postal ballot of all the members, it was easily won by the leading moderate contender, with the left's candidate overwhelmingly outnumbered.

There has been, during the past year, a particularly nasty campaign of harassment by the left against one of the most outspoken of the moderates on the NUJ's executive committee, Miss Jenny Harris; there has also been an ominously intimidatory campaign against a writer for the London *Evening News*, Miss Caren Meyer, who wrote an exposé of communist influence in the building trades union, Ucatt, and was "tried" by an NUJ "court" in consequence. (The charge was magnificently hypocritical; it was that Miss Meyer had *failed to adequately elicit and publish* the views of those she was attacking, and the charge came from among others, those whose political beliefs are most comprehensively reflected in the SWP's *Socialist Worker*, which has a conception of fairness, and of giving rival viewpoints, which would be considered outrageous by *Private Eye*, disturbing by *Time Out* and fairly inadequate by Trotsky himself.)

Within the London Freelance Branch events have taken, on the whole, an encouraging turn. The far-left is as active and vocal as ever, of course—I have commended before, and do so again, the assiduity and energy they bring to their political activities, and once again reflect that if those who believe in democracy worked half as hard at sustaining it as do those who wish to destroy it, democracy would be secure. But the moderates have beaten off almost every assault on almost every important front. On Monday night, for instance, we again swept the board in the elections for the branch's officers and committee, and also for the delegation to the union's annual conference in April. (When it came to the revised branch rules, one important amendment was passed, against the committee's advice, introducing PR for next year's committee elections, but since we had opposed this not on the ground of principle but on that of the administrative difficulties it will produce because of the peculiar nature and circumstances of the branch, it was not a serious blow to the moderate cause.)

But all that, of course, has required a good deal of work, and those of us who are active in the work of rallying the silent majority have become increasingly bitter at the lack of response. Most of the branch's 2,300-odd members do not want this country turned into a passable replica of Bulgaria or Cuba, and are no keener on seeing the NUJ transformed into a subsidiary of the Socialist Workers' Party; yet not more than some 50 can be bothered to turn up at the monthly branch meetings, and even at Monday's crucial AGM, we had no more than about 120 moderates present, and half of them vanished as soon as the elections were over, leaving to other people the debates on the proposed new rules.

The habit of leaving the work to others is endemic on our side of the organization; we have a number of Members of Parliament on our moderates' mailing-list, for instance, but few of them ever turn up, and I may as well warn them now that if, in the coming year, I find one of them making a speech about the importance of full participation in the democratic process, I shall take an early opportunity of describing in this column his attendance-record at branch meetings. (Alas, my threat will only result in their making no such speeches, not in their coming to the meetings.)

Democracy involves a good deal of tedium. But those who think it involves too much tedium for them to take part in it might occasionally reflect that totalitarianism involves a good deal more tedium, and one or two things even more unpleasant as well. And in case the silent and inactive majority are still not convinced, let me now tell them of a striking and memorable coincidence that I have recently experienced.

My office filing-cabinet at *The Times* was burgled, and the only thing the thief took (though there was also, for instance, a small sum of money, used for petty-c expenses) was a copy of the mail list of those moderate members wh I know about, and to whom I s an irregular bulletin, urging th attendance and recommend moderate policies and candidates their support; this activity of m has aroused more fury on the than anything else, and they constantly attacking me for it. A have even put about the lie that t bulletin is paid for, or subsidized *The Times*.

Now obviously, the thief's moti were not in any way connected wi political or union affairs; it cou not, for instance, have thought th what he stole was the only copy the mailing-list, so that its the would seriously hamper my efforts keep the moderates informed. N it was obviously taken because typed list of names and addresse on not very expensive paper an rather dog-eared, naturally seeme a precious collector's item, certai to fetch an enormous sum at auctio

So this is my final word to thos members of the Lond Freelanc Branch of the NUJ w cannot b bothered to come regularly, or a all, to meetings (and of course applies to all silent majorities in a organizations in whi the sam struggle is going on) do you wan this country run by pede who stea typed mailing-lists in the hope o one day selling them at Sotheby's And if you don't, is not time fo you to join with thos who are try ing to ensure that no such state o affairs comes about?

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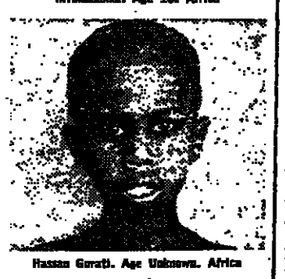
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Ambassador for things nautical

The annual pilgrimage to the Boat Show seemed less of a penance yesterday when I met Kingman Brewster, that old sea dog and match racing adversary from Martha's Vineyard, after he had presented the Brighton Marina Award for the best book of the sea (to Dudley Pope for his definitive history of Sir Henry Morgan).

The American Ambassador told me confidentially that much as he was attracted by the life afloat (and he had already publicly addressed himself to "fellow sailors") he was not going to buy himself a boat, at least "not till I win the lottery". He added: "There is no sense in owning a boat unless you are master of your own diary." He was clearly sufficiently master of his in the afternoon to wander purposefully, with his delightful wife, among the £8m worth of hulls on view.

Mr Brewster hopes to get his sailing in this country, initially at any rate, by invitation. His casual question to me—"what's it like sailing with Ted Heath?"—took on special significance, therefore. The more so when he added that Mrs Brewster is a considerable cook afloat (which is not to say she does not manage on dry land as well . . .).

It was good to learn that there are still berths available at the new Brighton Marina, which is due to be opened (officially) this summer and



bewildering to discover that the theme of this year's Boat Show is Scotland.

There were kilted pipers everywhere (which is fine for the Mull of Kintyre, but hardly right for Cowes) and lots of visitors from Scotland, many of whom were tired, not to say emotional, and were treating the show as a sort of rehearsal for Argentina—cries of "easy, easy, we're gonna sell the house and go". Elsewhere, people were actually buying boats, some of them for cash. *Chacun à son poop*, as I say.

A new line on telephone history

A hundred years ago, Alexander Graham Bell took a trip to the Isle of Wight to show off his telephone invention to Queen Victoria at Osborne House. *The Times* of January 16, 1878, waxed rhapsodic. It saved much of its colour for the moment when Victoria listened intently as Miss Kate Field warbled Comin' Through the Rye to her over the line from Osborne Cottage near by.

This afternoon, Victoria's great-grandson, Earl Mountbatten, will chat with Bell's granddaughter, Mrs Lilian Grosvenor Jones. He will be in Osborne House, she in Washington.

Their chat will close the first century of the telephone. What will follow will take the phone into its second century with one giant, technological leap—the first demonstration of the Post Office's Viewdata system which enables deaf people to communicate with each other.

This is done by means of a keyboard and a television screen on which both message and reply appear.

At Osborne House will be a Viewdata executive. He will be linked to the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf in Washington. Bell worked tirelessly for the deaf during his lifetime.

Watch this space: a new religion?

I knew it would not be long before someone came up with a psychological explanation of the phenomenal success of science fiction/space fantasy films like *Star Wars*. An article in this month's edition of *Psychology Today* puts forward the theory that sci-fi is replacing some of the functions of religion.

The authors are Howard Rankin and Martin Raw of London's Institute of Psychiatry whose usual line of research is into alcohol and tobacco addiction. They argue that the decline of religious belief, and the increasing interest in sci-fi may reflect an important psychological need—to understand and interpret life in terms of an acceptable mythology.

Life, they say, is no longer adequately explained by the language of the Bible and biblical myth but by the language of science fiction. They suggest that both science fiction and religion attempt to answer "ultimate" questions: where do we come from and what is our purpose? So sci-fi can be thought of as no more than yesterday's religion updated.

There may be some truth in what they say, though I would hesitate to apply it to sheer escapist fare such as *Star Wars* and *Doctor Who*. Pop theology is almost too easy to dispense, digest and regurgitate.

Marvellous omission

My colleague who prepares the annual list of centenaries which appeared on this page last week, is nothing if not thorough. In pinpointing when the famous (and sometimes infamous) enter or depart this world, he never relies on one source of reference but consults at least two.

Nevertheless, rarely a year passes without someone challenging him. Hardly was the printers' ink dry last week but he was asked why the poet and satirist Andrew Marvell's death was given as August 18, 1678, instead of two days earlier. My colleague could only quote his sources and leave the inquirer to pursue the matter further.

What he did not mention was that the latest edition of *Encyclopaedia Britannica* does not have an entry for Marvell, which might confirm some *Britannica* users' view that the new triple-headed edition is no substitute for the 14th edition (1963) which devoted a page and a half to Mr Marvell.

To make his home a Firle village, near Lewes, sound less noxious, the new bishop, the Rt Rev Peter Ball his change its name from Polecat Cottage to the Priory Poleca

Who boobed?

Computer interests have re pounded indignantly to my item last week about the error which led to a couple's receiving 1 times more turkey, four time more ham and three times mo beef than they ordered. I sai the computer *must have go* off its rocker.

"Wrong and misleading says Mr R. R. Waller, of th British Computer Society. "Th error was almost certainl human. Computers are not al powerful, merely a tool to e tend man's own intelligence

Theodore Ruoff, of Londo NW3, making the same poin adds scornfully: "When wi Old Granny *Times* learn to r concile herself with the com puter age?"

I cannot speak for Ol Granny, but Old PHS will gladl reconcile itself with compute when they and the humans wh feed them with informatio stop making life less, not more complicated.

I acknowledge, without thanks, receipt of an invitation from GTO Films. It is to meet "the most ungodly, renegade, comical, sexy, drunken bunch ever to hit the screen". Accompanying the invitation, which the company says it is proud to extend, is a tin badge emblazoned with a police whistle thinly disguised as the male sex organ. I will not tell you what the title of the *film is because that would* merely be playing into the company's hands. I will say only that the whole publicity exercise left me feeling sick at heart and desperately sad that, if the film industry is to survive, it will have to depend on such gimmicks as this.

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as reasonable an estimate as one
could make at this stage. Plaid
Cymru will hope to have more
than three members in the next
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probable that they will be un-
changed; and the can again
expect eleven unattached mem-
bers from Northern Ireland. If
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eight to forty-two.

It would be absurd at this stage to regard these figures as anything more than a probable order of magnitude, but they are a plausible estimate. They suggest that one of the major parties will need a majority of nearly fifty over the other if it is to form a secure government on its own strength. If the history of postwar elections is taken as a guide, the chances are no better than even. In four elections—1945, 1955, 1959 and 1966—one party had such a majority: twice it was for the Conservatives, twice for Labour. On four occasions—1950, 1951, 1964 and February, 1974—there was nothing approaching such a majority. Twice, in 1970 and October, 1974, there was a majority in the forties—though the Conservative majority in 1970 included the Ulstermen, who were then still taking the party whip.

If there is a hung Parliament the chances of forming a stable government will depend partly on the composition of the unattached—the fewer Nationalists and the more Liberals there are among them the better the prospects will be—and partly on whether either Labour or the Conservatives have a significant lead over the other. If either party is in the position of having a secure majority with the support of only one of the three minority groups—Liberals, Nationalists or the Northern Irish—then that should not prove too much of a difficulty. But to win the backing of two out of those three would be a very delicate task indeed.

In such a situation Labour might find it easier to come to terms with the smaller parties, though that is by no means certain. But the Conservatives would have one immense advantage: they would be the ones who could look forward to another election with confidence. The evidence of 1964-66 and February-October, 1974, indicates that when a party newly wins office without a working majority the electorate provides the necessary margin at the first opportunity. But the experience of 1950-51 suggests that when a party just manages to hang on afrer a full span in office then the electorate completes that job too at the first chance.

HE CRITERIA OF ROAD SCHEMES

Peter Str

Transport Department has roved of lae its procedures apprising major road build- schemes but not before the elements of the planned k road system have been pleted and not before public iries have become almost anagable because of the h ofthe department's critics. erience of the department's s ashey were before its late erson have left the impres- nt bureaucracy's bull- rs were brought in at the y anning stage to smooth y for each scheme's ol, and that faulty als were protected from il exposure by official istration.

main areas of criticisms been the department's nce to disclose the full om which their planners making difficult or impos- the public reappraisal of schemes; its method of asting traffic which leans heavily on extrapolation of is and too little on the al factors which underlie the ession and use of motor cles; and the precedence n to costs and benefits that be evaluated in money. e committee of which Sir George Leitch was chairman and which reported yesterday substantiates most of these technical criticisms, and it makes recommendations which ought to ensure a more balanced appraisal within the department and a more open scrutiny from outside. In particular, it dethrones the refined and intricate form of cost benefit analysis which the department has developed and which is at the heart of its appraisal techniques. COBA, as it is called, is a computerized exercise intelligible only to a few specialists which has been used to stun many a village Hampden at public hearings and even the occasional lecturer in transportation. It is dethroned not because it is inherently unsound but because the range of factors it is capable of digesting is too narrow.

Instead the committee recommends a framework for the assessment of trunk road schemes which would include and make explicit all relevant considerations, economic and non-economic, those with and without a price tag, quantifiable and unquantifiable, objective and subjective. That needs to be done; and the committee must be right to refrain from advocating, for ease of comparison, that some sort of monetary value be put on those factors which do not naturally bear a money value. But of course this means that each appraisal will entail many and varied judgments about the relative importance of different kinds of factor. There is no retreat into arithmetic that can excuse officials from the difficulty of making and defending these judgments.

The greater breadth and openness of appraisal here recommended, coinciding with a change in the trunk road programme from an inter-urban highway stage to a bottleneck and by-pass stage, should take some of the heat out of the subject. But it need not be supposed that objectors will melt away or retire into docility. For one thing the kind of judgments that the Leitch system would require the planner to make and make explicit are the kind of judgments which are most easily disputable. For another thing, in most major road schemes the disturbance affects a smallish number of people very acutely and the benefits are diffused among a very large number of people almost imperceptibly. That makes for battle.

HE SUCCESS STORY OF THE IVORY COAST

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Those natural resources (coffee, cocoa, palm oil, pineapples, bananas, cotton, wood, diamonds, with the prospect of oil production from 1980) form the foundation of the Ivory Coast's remarkable growth rate (11 per cent in the 1960s and over 6 per cent even today) and of its relatively high per capita income. Other ingredients are the resolutely liberal economic system, the authoritarian but hardly despotic political rule of President Houphouët-Boigny and his party, the import of cheap labour, especially for agriculture, from less fortunate neighbouring countries, and of course the close ties maintained with France. Eighteen years after independence, France remains the Ivory Coast's main supplier and customer, and French companies still control 40 per cent of its industry and 50 per cent of its commerce.

Of course the country's wealth is far from evenly distributed, and it is true that the political leadership is drawn essentially from a rich planter class which had little difficulty in coming to terms with French economic domination once its own political rights were recognized. The system is a classic neocolonialist one, but there are few signs of serious discontent; and when one compares the material and educational standards of the Ivoiriens with those of many other Africans one cannot help thinking that neocolonialism has a lot to be said for it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Giving Scotland a parliament

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist

Sir, In his article about devolution for Scotland (*The Times*, January 6), Mr Vernon Bogdanor has found a way of guarding against the danger that any attempt to operate devolution on the present restrictive basis will lead to embittered controversy and contention, in fact "the maximum of ill will". In order to prevent this built in ill will from reaching its obvious constitutional climax, he would amend the Devolution Bill so as to give the Scottish Assembly power over taxation and finance.

This innocent academic proposal is an admirable illustration of what I may now call the Gilchrist principle, namely, that the only way in which devolution can be made to work is by the prior elimination of all the features which distinguish it from independence.

Such features can either be eliminated in advance, which would save a lot of trouble, or they will be eliminated over the next couple of years, with "the maximum of ill will."

If neither of these routes to independence appeals, a perfectly feasible alernative to both still remains: to abandon devolution. If we did, how many dogs would bark?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GILCHRIST,
Arthur's Crag,
Hazelbank,
By Lanark,
Lanarkshire.

EEC and Cyprus

From Mr Christopher Price, MP for Lewisham West (Labour) and Mr Cyril Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath (Conservative)

Sir, A crisis now exists between Cyprus and the EEC. For over a year the EEC has failed to agree on its policy for the second stage of its Association Agreement with Cyprus. It was hoped that in these circumstances the Commission would continue to offer Cyprus concessions on her agricultural exports to the Community. It is worth noting that, to all intents and purposes, these exports only concern Britain.

In the event the proposals were totally inadequate to the Cyprus Government and unfair on the British consumer. They would mean 50p on a bottle of sherry and a 20 per cent increase in the price of fruit, potatoes and other vegetables. The responsibility for the situation lies entirely with the Council of Ministers of the EEC. If there had been a genuine desire to conclude a fair agreement they would have issued the necessary mandate to the Commission months ago. Nor would they have been so miserly in what they chose to offer.

As the bulk of Cypriot agricultural exports come to Britain, the economic consequences for the island will be serious. Furthermore, it will contribute to a further disillusionment with the West. It will be almost impossible for moderate politicians on the island to maintain any credibility for the Association Agreement with the EEC in the face of such behaviour. There is now a serious danger that for the first time in the history of the EEC, there could be a complete rupture in an Association Agreement. For a little country, which has suffered so much in the past from the unwarranted and harsh interference of Western countries, the consequences could prove tragic. For the reputation of Europe, they could be worse.

The EEC has stated its desire to assist Cyprus in every possible way. If Europe means what it says it can demonstrate this by offering Cyprus a satisfactory agreement. It would thereby help to salvage not only the economy of the whole island of Cyprus but also its own dwindling reputation for fair dealing.

Yours, etc,
CHRISTOPHER PRICE,
CYRIL D. TOWNSEND,
House of Commons.

Whiz kids

From Dr M. S. Rose

Sir, It was encouraging to read your informed and sympathic editorial on skateboarding (*The Times*, January 7). The contemporary urban environment must have been designed for something; perhaps, as you suggest, it is for skateboarding.

The frenzied attempts to contain this activity to "skateparks" (more reminiscent of penitentiary quadrangles than the ski slopes of Zermatt) are intrinsically infringements against children, who have no hearing at the council assemblies which elect for its prohibition.

"No cycling or skateboarding in this park" notices will probably spread across the country with the speed of news about lesbians' babies. Meanwhile it becomes daily more difficult to find a patch of municipal parkland which has not been fouled by the councillor's dog.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ROSE,
Department of Haematology,
St George's Hospital Medical School,
Cranmer Terrace, SW17.

From Mr William Woolf

Sir, As a regular skateboarder in Greenwich Park, may I welcome the support of your leader (January 7). We are always seeking suitable new venues, especially since a few thoughtless people have begun spoiling the grass slopes of the park instead of confining themselves to the numerous paths.

In the interest of my readers, I followed up your tip and explored the underground labyrinth at Hyde Park Corner. I regret to say that it is no good! The smooth paths are too polished and slippery, and the main surface above too rough. The slopes look appetizing but are dangerously slippery at the bottom, and also, there are no banks. Perhaps this is why the "whiz kids" themselves have not put it to use before now?

Unfortunately, we do need specially constructed facilities for good skateboarding as well as consideration both towards and from the public.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM WOOLF,
Roan School,
Maze Hill, SE10.

The judge and the immigrants

From Mr Jonathan Goldberg

Sir, There has been a great furore in the national press and elsewhere in recent days over the summing up of H. H. Judge Neil McKinnon at the Old Bailey in the case of Mr Kingsley Read, who was acquitted of inciting racial hatred. Some editorials, for example in *The Observer*, have called for the judge's resignation. He has been widely accused of racialism even by Members of Parliament. In particular he has been criticized for saying "I wish you well" to the defendant at the end of the case.

As a member of the Bar I have defended many criminals at the Old Bailey who found themselves in Judge McKinnon's court. Whilst I have never met him outside court, I feel I can lay claim to a good working knowledge of this judge's attitudes and ways on the Bench, which I have gained as I say from practical experience as defending counsel.

I am saddened enormously that this judge of all judges should now find himself at the centre of such a storm. In my view the accusation of racialism is ludicrous. He is widely regarded, both by myself and many of my colleagues, as one of the fairest, most humane and most liberal judges sitting at the Old Bailey. I can think of many former clients of mine, often coloured, who thought themselves fortunate to have been tried in his court, where they unfailingly received an extremely fair trial, a large measure of courtesy, and real compassion and understanding when it came to sentencing.

I do not *seem* to comment on the rights and wrongs of this particular summing up, save to say this. I am sure that the keynote of it was the less reported passage where the judge spoke of the danger of our society becoming so regimented that freedom of opinion would disappear. He obviously felt this to be a greater danger than the damage which might be done by a Mr Read. Many liberal democrats would agree with him, I suggest. It should also be remembered that the jury decided the issue at the end of the day, not the judge. His summing up can only be persuasory, never mandatory.

May I refer to the "wishing you well". I have heard this judge say it before, both to acquitted defendants and those who have been allowed to leave the dock because he did not impose a custodial sentence. I believe it is no more than his way of saying "keep out of trouble" or "let us not see you here again". Most judges say something of the kind. Having heard Judge McKinnon say it to defendants of different colours, I cannot see why it is racialist to say it to Mr Read, however much I personally may dislike his political opinions, as I strongly suspect does this judge also.

In summary, may I be permitted to say that those people of liberal opinion who now demand Judge McKinnon's resignation can have no idea what a blow to liberation this would be, in the case of this particular judge. May I also say that there is something disturbingly undemocratic in the recent trend whereby the press and certain MPs demand the head of any judge who may say something in court which is not to their liking. It strikes at the principle of an independent and non-political judiciary.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN GOLDBERG,
2 Harcourt Buildings,
The Temple, EC4.
January 9.

From Mr Nicolas Bentley

Sir, Perhaps the most disturbing feature, as well as the most offensive, about Judge McKinnon's remarks in the case concerning Mr John Kingsley Read is that if correctly reported in the press, he concluded by saying, "I wish you well". I submit that it is no more part of a judge's duty to wish a defendant well than to wish him ill and in this case shows a partiality for Mr Read as clearly as it would have shown hostility towards him had the judge said instead, "I wish you ill".

Judge McKinnon's defence of his comments, that he himself has no objection to being called "Nigger", is as startling as it is absurd. He is white, not black, and if he does not realize that it is offensive to most blacks to be called "nigger", then what on earth is someone so obtuse doing on the bench?

Merely to caution the egregious Mr Read against such language as he employed is hardly good enough. The fact that he was legally acquitted does not make his comments any the less mean, misguided or unpleasant to decent minded men and women, and it would have been more becoming if Judge McKinnon, instead of expressing his felicitations to Mr Read, had spared some sympathy for those whom his remarks were deliberately calculated to offend.

Yours faithfully,
NICOLAS BENTLEY,
The Old School,
Downhead,
near Shepton Mallet,
Somerset.
January 7.

From Mr Gordon Bradshaw

Sir, When a judge acts with manifest unwisdom and indiscretion, it is in the first place an embarrassment to his fellow lawyers and all who believe that our system of law, including the choice and protection of judges in their office, is our most solid bastion against encroaching bureaucracy and statism. It also gives hostages to those in high places who have spoken of "trigger happy judges" and, for political reasons, have attacked the judiciary for having the audacity to put into effect laws enacted by Parliament.

There is a simple and unfailing remedy against judicial indiscretion, which is never to forget the wise precept of Francis Bacon that a talking judge is like an ill-tuned cymbal. Those who have difficulty in resisting the fatal snare of a captive audience should carry this before them in letters of fire.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON BRADSHAW,
Fairways,
Laburnum Avenue,
Lytham,
Lancashire.
January 8.

Applying the Land Fund

From Mr John Hunter

Sir, In his letter (January 7) Mr Boles states that the National Trust hopes for decisions on three main points, the second of which is that the Fund will be used to acquire outstanding countryside for the nation. While the Trust deserves respect for the manner in which it cares for historic buildings, I for one would feel far from happy at the prospect of its acquiring outstanding landscapes.

Such land is frequently "ancient", its field patterns and hedges dating from the Middle Ages or perhaps far earlier; it may contain primary woodland, the remains of medieval parks and even royal forest. Such landscapes require sensitive management, carried out essentially with understanding and not treated as a chore for the land agent and forester. The concept that ancient landscape features require a similar respect to that given to historic buildings appears, in my experience, to be beyond the thinking of the Trust. Certain local committees do excellent work, but they take and follow advice other than that of the Trust's advisers.

The National Trust is now too venerable to change its ways. A fresh body is desperately needed, divorced from architecture, landscape gardening and modern forestry, to own and conserve areas of outstanding landscape, leaving the ornamental parks of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries (which are modern in landscape terms) to the Trust who respects and cares for them well.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HUNTER,
Green Farm,
Little Sampford,
Saffron Walden,
Essex.
January 9.

Woman barristers

From Miss Jean Henderson

Sir, With a rather longer experience than Mary Colton's (her letter, December 28) of women barristers' position and of a shared responsibility in choosing tenants for seats in chambers, I do not accept or believe that there is a justified grievance that our entry into chambers is restricted because we are women. If such pockets of restriction do still exist, here or there, the solution she wishes, namely official guidance from the Senate in the wake of the Sex Discrimination Act, is in my view totally wrong and would be positively harmful to our standing. How infra dig to be accorded a seat in chambers by virtue of a quota or ratio—and unwillingly at that! I would deprecate the Senate giving even the faintest of guidelines to heads of chambers on this matter, which should remain in any set one of agreed judgment, compatibility, and merit in its widest sense.

This request for help is, I think, misconceived. After all, a pretty good proportion of the small band of practising women barristers has reached benches of varying heights by what is roughly our golden jubilee year. Such difficulties as remain for women at the Bar are minimal compared with what they were 50 or even 25 years ago.

No; help is not wanted today either from above or from outside. Instead of now counting heads and protesting rights as women let us take a look at ourselves and consider what are our deserts as barristers. My suggestion for helping aspiring women to get a start is that those of us already practising show a high standard in every way—remembering that we are more conspicuous than the men!—such as will earn the respect of the profession as a whole. We shall then be accepted or not, as we would wish, on our merits.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN HENDERSON,
5 Pump Court,
Temple, EC4.
December 31.

Selling potatoes by name

From Dr P. V. E. McClintock

Sir, It seems only fair to reassure the frustrated cooks who attempted Katie Stewart's interesting recipe for "perfect potatoes" (January 4) that they were in no way to blame for the culinary débâcles which doubtless followed in a fair proportion of cases. The facts of the matter are that certain varieties of potato are capable of becoming agreeably crisp when sautéed or roasted; whereas others are not, however they may be treated. Katie Stewart omits the all important listing of those varieties for which her recipe is likely to succeed on the assumption, perhaps (and I believe erroneously), that most readers can supply this information for themselves.

Unfortunately, even if one does know which varieties to ask for, one's chances of finding any of them for sale as such are exceedingly poor. With scant regard for legalities, most potatoes are still being retailed anonymously (apart, of course, from the trusty King Edward; but even this is now being consigned to oblivion because of some restrictive EEC legislation, so my greengrocer informs me).

The endeavours of the Potato Marketing Board to ensure that the law is obeyed—that unpackaged potatoes must be sold only by their named varieties—have so far been totally without visible effect, at least in this corner of the country. I should like, therefore, through the courtesy of your columns, to ask the Board what new and more efficaceous measures they now propose to adopt?

Yours faithfully,
P. V. E. McCLINTOCK,
Department of Physics,
University of Lancaster,
Lancaster.

Explaining psychic effects

From Dr John Worrall

Sir, Bernard Levin (January 6) is entitled to populate his view of the universe with as many undreamt of entities as he likes. He is not, however, entitled to pre-empt criticism of his view by suggesting that anyone who is sceptical about the "mountain of evidence" in favour of the supernatural is blinded by a "terror filled rage" induced by the thought that the evidence may be genuine. The mountain built by Mr Inglis *may* be different, but there are, of course, perfectly good objective grounds for scepticism: previous mountains have crumbled when the evidence was checked for repeatability, disinterestedness of the observers, adequate statistical technique (was the sample fair or selected (perhaps unconsciously) with some aim in view?) and genuine scientific character.

As for the emotional heat that tends to be generated by this issue, this, for my part at least, stems not from any terror of the unobservable but from two quite different sources. First a distaste for crankish pseudoscience and faddish mumbo-jumbo; and second a fear (well confirmed in the past) that many ordinary people will be influenced by the testimonials of "intellectuals" to the scientific status of the supernatural and hence adopt beliefs which will usually involve a not-so-occult force which separates them from part of their savings.

Mr Levin has on occasion referred to the time he spent "at the feet of Sir Karl Popper". He did not, I fear, gain much whilst in that position. Popper showed how easy it is to amass evidence in favour of a hypothesis—provided one is sufficiently uncritical. Evidence counts only if it is the result of a severe test. This involves, among other things, testing the hypothesis against plausible alternatives. In this area, particularly in the case of Uri Geller to which Levin unfortunately redirects attention, one plausible alternative hypothesis is that of high-powered "magical skills". The scientists referred to by Levin are (as has often been pointed out) just about the worst people to have testing this alternative since they are used to assuming that Nature (at least at the observable level) does not play tricks on them. Clearly the best people to assess this alternative hypothesis are professional magicians. As far as I know, no professional magicians have yet been involved in tests.

Levin asserts that every "fully sane" person must yield under the weight of evidence for the supernatural but predicts that many (presumably partially insane) reviewers of Inglis's forthcoming book will attempt not to. If Mr Levin would care to exert his influence with editors, I could easily supply him with a long list of possible reviewers each of whom would refute his gloomy prognostications.

Yours faithfully,
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Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method,
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Bernard Levin (January 6) disclaims paranormal powers when he writes about the reviews he says will be written of Brian Inglis's forthcoming book *Natural and Supernatural*, but I don't know how else he claims he could write mine. Unlike him, I don't write about things before they happen, I haven't read the book, and I don't trust what I read in newspapers, so I don't know either what it says or what I may say about it.

Anyway, when he claims "knowledge of the attitudes that the book will inevitably inspire in some of those who will be writing about it", he is wrong about mine. Far from being one of those who deny "the unpredictability of the universe" or the possibility that "the universe may contain, may even be run on, principles beyond either their control or their understanding", I don't pretend either to understand or to control such things. There is no doubt that many unexplained things happen, but there is much doubt about how they happen: what matters is not the quantity of evidence about them, but its quality. Bernard Levin suggests we should believe in anything if enough other people do. Where—and why—does he stop?

Yours etc,
NICOLAS WALTER,
Rationalist Press Association,
88 Islington High Street, N1.

Everest without oxygen

From Dr Raymond Greene

Sir, I agree with almost every word of Mr Nigel Sitwell's letter "Everest without oxygen" (December 22) and as an old Everester I share his hope that the Messner-Habler plan will succeed. I would however question his statement that Eric Shipton and Frank Smythe "reached nearly 28,000 feet on the north face without oxygen". Smythe almost certainly reached the same point as Colonel Norton in 1924 and Wyn Harris and Wager just before him in 1933, that is to say over 28,000 feet, perhaps, as Mr Sitwell estimates, 28,126 feet.

Yours sincerely,
RAYMOND GREENE,
10 Cheltenham Terrace, SW3.

Unashamed accompanists

From Mr Gerald Moore

Sir, Although I was not present at the Pears-Perahia recital I can understand the enthusiasm of your critic, Mr Stanley Sadie, for these superb artistes.

Was it necessary in his praise of Mr Perahia to draw a comparison by scoffing at practitioners of the delightful and delicate art of ensemble playing as "mere" accompanists? It was in poor taste and to be resented. This attitude is out of date and does scant justice to the fine young artistes in our midst who are devoting their lives to this honourable branch of the profession.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD MOORE,
Beechwood Cottage,
Penn, Buckinghamshire.

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n Sir Richard Dobson

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a Sapphic stanza. A lot of
le under 50 can enjoy Shakes-
e or Keats without knowing an
bic pentameter by name. A
rising number of people of all
can enjoy, and even compose,
merick in blissful ignorance of
fact that, in the hands of Edward
, this verse form usually con-
of a spondee followed by 12
napests.

rue, it is much easier to learn
by heart than prose. If
hers are indeed denying to child-
the mnemonic aid of metre, they
going too fast too far.

oets of all ages have, as it were,
ressly forbidden that their works
should be recited in a singsong way. The Iliad was mainly recited long before it was read and Homer, long before the Tragedians, recognized the importance of varying the caesura and running the sense of one line into another to prevent the tedium of an unending series of end-stopped lines. So did Shakespeare. Doubtless for dramatic effect he wrote certain lines which could only be spoken as lines, for example "Turn from me then that noble countenance/ in which the worship of the whole world lies". "To be or not to be, that is the question" is another example. This establishes the subject but the rest of the soliloquy is full of variation and cannot possibly be declaimed with, for example, a pause after the word "suffer".

The listener should be aware of the underlying metre but it should not be allowed to override the sense.

So it is with music. One is aware of the bars in the opening of Beethoven's 5th Symphony, in spite of the syncopation, but they do not persistently obtrude on the melody.

I suggest that the answer to this problem is that one should first master the metre or rhythm but not, thereafter, shirk the more difficult task of keeping it in its proper unobtrusive place.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DORSON,
16 Marchmont Road,
Richmond,
Surrey.
January 5.

Relevance in universities

From Professor W. J. N. Rudd

Sir, The advantage of vogue words is that they spare the user the need to think. For Pro Vice-Chancellor Lee (January 6) a subject cannot, it seems, be "relevant" unless it is contemporary. This means that all the greatest works of literature (which include the *Oresteia* of Aeschylus) are irrelevant. It is sad to think that one so culturally myopic can have anything to do with education.

Yours, etc,
NIALL RUDD,
Professor of Latin,
Department of Classics,
University of Bristol,
Wills Memorial Building,
Queens Road,
Bristol.
January 6.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 10: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

January 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the Regalia Rooms at the Town Hall, King's Lynn.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

The Hon Mrs John Muhollland has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

January 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Royal Ballet, this evening attended a showing of the film *The Children of Theatre Street*, held at the Princess Anne Theatre of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 195 Piccadilly, in aid of the Royal Ballet School Endowment Fund.

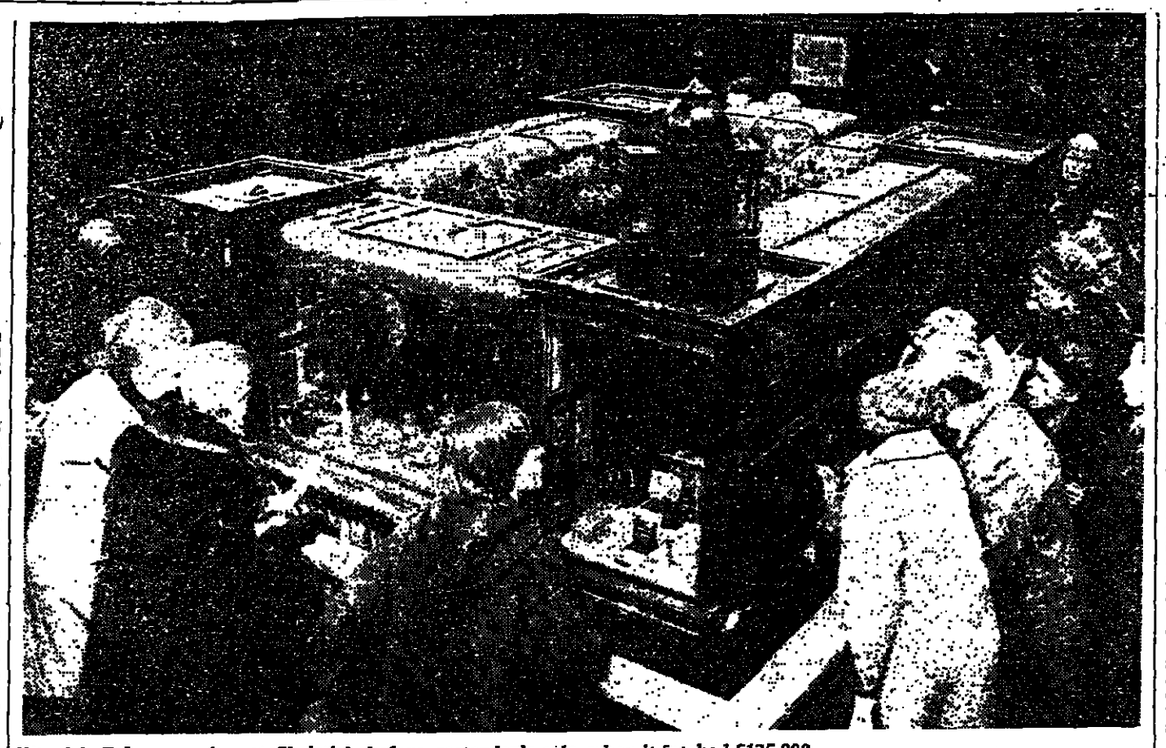
The Lady Anne Tennant was in attendance.

A memorial service for Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at noon today.

A memorial service for Stewart Nicholson, General Secretary of the Institute of Journalists from 1936 to 1962, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon on Friday, January 27.

Birthdays today

Mr Neville Duke, 56; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 66; Lord Jacques, 73; Major Sir Mark Millbank, 71; Sir Anthony Nutting, 58; Air Commodore Joy Tamblin, 52; Lady (Gertrude) Williams, 81.



Titania's Palace on view at Christie's before yesterday's sale, when it fetched £135,000.

Dolls' house is sold for £135,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The vast and intricate dolls' house, known as Titania's Palace was sold at Christie's yesterday for £135,000. Created by Sir Neville Wilkinson between 1907 and 1922, the palace is virtually a museum, containing many precious miniature antiques. It was opened by Queen Mary in 1922 then travelled the world raising funds for children's charities.

In 1967 it was sold at Christie's for £31,500. It became the property of Mrs Olive Hodgkinson, who displayed it at Wookey Hole in Somerset until she moved to Jersey, where it was exhibited at Fort Regent, St Helier. After her death it was sent to Christie's.

The successful bid at yesterday's sale came from Spink's, the King Street dealers. Mr Roger Kevern, a director of the firm, said that he had bought the palace on behalf of a European client, who planned to exhibit it.

No more suitable buyer could be found, and Mr Kevern implied that it was a children's welfare organization. The purchasers are to make an announcement later.

The underbidders represented the Rehabilitation Institute of Dublin, which trains handicapped children. They had intended to exhibit the palace to raise funds.

The palace is very much in the spirit of Peter Pan. The catalogue says there are no doors, as fairies are well known to fly in at windows. It is part Renaissance palace and part Edwardian family home.

The state apartments include the Hall of the Guilds, the Hall of the Fairy Kiss, the chapel, Oberon's throne room and Oberon's museum. The private apartments include Titania's boudoir, Oberon's study, the morning room, the day nursery and Oberon's dressing room leading out of the royal bedchamber. There are also the fairy princesses' bedrooms and the bathroom.

The state rooms are very grand, incorporating Byzantine mosaics, Renaissance bronzes and hardstone carvings. Antique treasures are incorporated among exquisitely made imitations. There is a late-eighteenth-century gold mechanical fountain, two inches high, made in Switzerland.

The private apartments are mainly furnished in good traditional English style, the Chippendale and Adam periods to the fore.

There are European and oriental carpets, mirrors and pictures on the walls, including a tiny watercolour by Samuel Palmer, which the artist gave to Sir Nevile's mother.

The handsome façades are carved from mahogany and the rooms are arranged round a courtward containing flowers, trees and animals. The whole is surmounted by a dome containing a carillon of bells, which play tunes.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Seymour and Miss J-R. Hull

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the Duke and Duchess of Somerset, of Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire, and Judith-Rose, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hull, of 33 Edwardes Square, London, W8.

Mr R. A. F. Clark and Miss I. J. S. Anderson

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr R. F. Clark and the late Mrs M. A. Clark, of Eastbourne, and Isabel (Bish), daughter of Mrs Jean Close, of Callow End, Worcester, and the late Dr C. S. Anderson, of Maidstone.

Dr B. C. O'Dwyer and Miss J. P. Covington

The engagement is announced between Brendan, son of Dr and Mrs P. X. O'Dwyer, of Jobbers, Billericay, and Jill, daughter of Captain W. I. Covington, of Courtland, West Byfleet, Surrey, and Mrs D. J. Wickins, of Lija, Malta.

Mr C. P. W. Robson and Miss A. J. Smith

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Robson, of Finch Old Rectory, Midhurst, Sussex, and Aleca, elder daughter of Mr Norman Hutchison Smith and of Lady Alexandra Smith, of Reightons, Playden, Rye, Sussex.

Mr S. G. Daniels and Miss F. Carr

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Daniels, of Home Farm, Hemsby, Norfolk, and Felicity, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs R. U. Carr, Chapel Cottage, Barton Turf, Norfolk.

Mr B. G. Duncan and Miss S. K. Marden-King

The engagement is announced between Bruce, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. Duncan, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, and Sara, daughter of Mr H. R. Marden-King, of Winchester, and Mrs K. Marden-King of London.

Mr K. Seakens and Miss G. S. Sims

The engagement is announced between Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs H. E. Seakens, of Tauranga, New Zealand, and Gail, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Sims, of Coventry, West Midlands.

Mr D. R. C. Agnew and Miss C. A. Whately-Smith

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs C. D. Agnew, of Bilbrough, York, and Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Whately-Smith of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr J. N. Bromfield and Miss H. M. Brown

The engagement is announced between Julian Neil, younger son of Mrs Wendy Bromfield and the late Mr Douglas G. Bromfield, of St Albans, and Helen Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald S. Brown, of St Albans.

Dr C. J. Faurant and Miss N. A. G. Galloway

The engagement is announced between Claude, only son of M and Mme J. M. Faurant, of 71 avenue Mozart, 75016, Paris, and Nicola, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. Galloway, of 1 Sloane Avenue, London, SW13.

Mr M. J. Lloyd and Dr M. T. C. Kramers

The engagement is announced between Michael John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. H. Lloyd, of Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Mary Teresa, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs W. J. Kramers, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Marriages

Mr P. J. Crichton-Stuart and Miss A. M. H. Williams

The marriage took place yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, between Mr Patrick James Crichton-Stuart, only son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Crichton-Stuart, of Langton House, Alresford, Hampshire, and Miss Amanda Mary Howel Williams, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams, of Cosford House, Thursley, Surrey. Father Damian Wood and Father M. Benjamin took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an Edwardian crinoline gown of ivory satin and organza with a train. Her tulle veil was held in place by a diamond tiara, lent by the bridegroom's mother, and she carried a posy of cream roses and variegated leaves. William and Hugh Crichton-Stuart, Charles and Alice Langdale, William and Eugenie Furniss, Alistair and Chloe Salmon, Arabella Graham and Tania Wild attended her. Lord Fairfax of Cameron was best man.

A reception was held at the Savoy Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C. J. Tate and Miss J. Bicket

The marriage took place on Friday, January 6, at St James's, Piccadilly, between Mr Christopher John Tate, only son of Mr and Mrs John Tate, and Miss Jane Bicket, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Bicket. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Nicola Bicker, Catherine and Maria Heaton, Rupert Tate and Alexander de Cadenet. Mr David Harland was best man. The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

University news



Theology Professor: Canon D. E. Jenkins, who has been appointed to the chair of theology at Leeds University from January 1, 1979. He is Director of the William Temple Foundation, Manchester, an independent research institute for Christian social ethics, associated with Manchester University. He will continue his work with the foundation after taking up his new appointment.

Oxford

D. E. Evans, MA (Wales), DPhil (Oxon), professor of Welsh language and literature, University College, Swansea, has been appointed to the Jesus Professorship of Celtic, in succession to Professor Idris Foster, from October 1.

Awards

Ireland Scholarship and first Craven Scholarship: M. D. Trapp, scholar of Corpus Christi College. Second Craven Scholarships: S. G. Hutchinson, scholar of Balliol College, and P. B. Kay, scholar of Wadham College; honourably mentioned, R. C. Small, scholar of Corpus Christi College. Brian Johnson Prize in Pathology, 1977: J. S. Kroll, Balliol College.

Scholarships to encourage young engineers

By Our Education Correspondent

Three jubilee scholarships of £500 a year are being offered to students of outstanding ability who have had conditional offers for a first-degree course in electrical or electronic engineering.

The scholarships, which are being given by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, are tenable for the duration of the degree course and will not affect any local authority grant for which the student may be eligible.

Applications may be made through the head of the educational establishment at which the student will be taking A levels or equivalent, or through a corporate member of the institution. A letter or strong recommendation must accompany the student's application.

It is the second year that the institution has decided to offer such scholarships in an attempt to attract talented students to the profession.

The institution is to offer other undergraduate scholarships of £300 to final-year students in electrical and electronic engineering from September. A few scholarships of up to £750 are available to postgraduate students.

Channel Islands visit

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are to visit the Channel Islands, it was announced in Guernsey yesterday. They will arrive in the royal yacht Britannia in Jersey on June 27, Guernsey on June 28, and Alderney and Sark the ext day.

Luncheons

Ministry of Defence

The United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff were hosts at a luncheon given at Admiralty House yesterday in honour of General S. Hamre, Chief of Defence of the Royal Norwegian Armed Forces. Those present were:

The Norwegian Ambassador, Mr O. Solo, Commodore B. Ela, Lieutenant Colonel Eknoldt, Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron, General Sir Roland Gibbs, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, Sir Antony Duff, Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford, Mr M. E. Quinlan, Rear-Admiral B. J. Straker, Major-General R. P. W. Wall and Commodore P. M. Stanford.

Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

The Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held a court luncheon at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate Place, yesterday. The Master, Mr D. S. Morpeth, presided, assisted by Mr A. J. Hardcastle, Senior Warden, and Mr K. J. Sharp, Junior Warden. The Master and Sir Charles Alexander were the speakers.

Dinners

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:

Lord and Lady David Cecil, Sir Peter and Lady Henderson, Group Captain Sir Douglas an Lady Bader, Alderman Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Mr and Mrs Jack Jones, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Carpenter, Canon Peter and Lady Alethea Eliot, Mr Peter Moro and Miss Annie Harrison.

Royal Television Society

The fellows and council dinner of the Royal Television Society was held at the Arts Club last night. The guest of honour was Miss Barbara Hosking, recently appointed head of information at the Independent Broadcasting Authority, and Mr John Ware, chairman, presided.

St Edmund Hall Association

The London dinner of the St Edmund Hall Association was held at Simpsons-in-the-Strand last night. Sir Denis Wright, president of the association, was in the chair. The guests included the Principal of St Edmund Hall, Oxford, Canon J. N. D. Kelly, and Mr P. Simpson, President of the Junior Common Room.

Eton College

The Lent Half at Eton College begins today with 99 new boys; the total in the school is 1,250. P. J. Parham, KS, is captain of the school and T. J. N. Earle, OS, MS, captain of the Oppidans. The Provost will be installed on Sunday; Long Leave will be from February 17 to 20. There will be services of Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln on March 11 and 12. The half ends on March 22.

Clifton College

Term begins today with 1,183 boys on the roll, of whom 510 are in the preparatory school. P. M. Watkins (Dakyns House) is head of school and D. S. Penny (Brown's House) is second head of school. The parents conference for GCE candidates is on February 18, followed by an exeat until February 21. Confirmation will be by the Bishop of Bristol on Easter Saturday and Bach's *St Matthew Passion* will be performed at the Colston Hall on March 20 in conjunction with the Choral Societies of Badminton School and Clifton High School for Girls. Term ends on March 31.

St Audries School

The spring term began yesterday. The Bishop of Taunton will confirm candidates in Wells Cathedral on Wednesday, February 22, at 3.0. On Wednesday, March 8, at 7.30, Mr Jack Brymer will give a lecture-recital entitled "My life with a clarinet". Term ends on Thursday, March 23.

New Dean of Norwich

Canon David Edwards, Sub-Dean of Westminster, has been appointed Dean of Norwich. He will suceed the Very Rev Alan Webster, who has been appointed Dean of St Paul's. Canon Edwards, aged 48, is also Rector of St Margaret's, Westminster, and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Very Rev J. R. Fenwick, Dean of Bulawayo, has been apopinted a canon of Worcester Cathedral.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Dillwyn Miles, Herald Bard of Wales, to be chairman of the National Association of Local Councils, in succession to Mr Frank Montgomery.

Dr H. D. Evans, of Imperial College, London, to be press and publicity officer of the Society for Radiological Protection.

Cambridge awards

The following awards have been made at Newnham College, Cambridge:

Scholarships, English: A. K. Arden, St Paul's GS; B. C. Smith, St Paul's GS; P. V. Stamp, Lancaster Girls' GS; J. B. Stevenson, Haberdashers' Aske's GS. History: C. G. Gooding, St Paul's GS. Geography: J. H. Nicholson, Godolphin S (for archaeology and anthropology). Modern languages: C. F. Edwin, The Abbey S, Reading. Exhibitions, natural sciences: L. J. Brown, Cheltenham Ladies' C (for medical sciences); E. C. Clarke, Charterhouse; J. H. Wilford, Dame Allan's GS. Modern Languages: S. H. Brunt, St Paul's GS; F. E. Bryant, Trinity S, Leamington Spa; S. J. C. Croft, Cheltenham Ladies' C; J. E. Harridge, Broxbourne S; L. G. Raitz, Lycée Français de Londres. Geography: J. D. Cook, Ricards Lodge HS; S. S. Graham-Watson, Peters Field and Charterhouse; L. M. Grove, The Perse; E. S. Hall, Bromley HS; S. A. H. Wilmot, Stevenage GS. English: M. L. Douglas, SE Essex Vth Form C; A. T. Ing, Godolphin S (for 1979); M. J. Lobban, St Alan's GS; C. A. Morley, Parklands HS, Leeds; P. D. Street, Cheadle Hulme S (for law for 1979). Classics: N. R. Miller, Queen's C, Cam (for oriental studies). Mathematics: L. M. Pryor, Benenden S, Rugby; J. S. Toffolo, Preston Manor HS; C. A. Ward, Nottingham HS; H. R. Wiltshire, Monmouth S for Girls. Economics: D. Wilson, Ascroft HS.

A. J. Scott, Wallington High School, has been awarded an open scholarship in engineering at Churchill College, Cambridge. His name was omitted from the list of awards published on December 21.

A. K. Aggarwal's initials were incorrectly given in the list at A. J.

In the list of Oxford awards on December 19 D. P. Lean was wrongly described as having attended Exeter College. In fact, he attended Exeter School. In the same list D. N. Willcock's name was spelt incorrectly.

Today's engagements

Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi: talk, "The BBC's external services under threat?", Sir Michael Swann, FRS, chairman, BBC, 6 (apply to secretary for free tickets).

Model Engineer Exhibition, Wembley Conference Centre, 10-8.

Lunchtime music: St Olave's, Hart Street, Laurentian Singers from St Laurence University, New York, 1.05; St Bride's, Fleet Street, organ recital, Ian Sadler, 1.15.

St John's, Smith Square: BBC Concert, Haydn, Mass in C major, 7.30.

Canada House Gallery, Trafalgar Square: William Kurelek, painter, illustrater, author, 10-5.

Southwark Cathedral: lunchtime dialogue, theme: I believe! All these? He descended into hell, 1.10-1.35.

Memorial services: Major-General Sir James Bowes-Lyon, Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, noon; Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Bingham, Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, 2.30.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Jan 9, 1953

The Common Market

The Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community meets again tomorrow at Strasbourg, and the High Authority which has been at work in Luxembourg for five months will present its first report. A month later, on February 10, in accordance with the treaty, a common market should be established by the six member countries for coal and scrap. This would mean that the tariffs and export prohibitions and quotas and discriminatory prices that hinder trade in these materials between France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland would mostly disappear. Two months later, on April 10, the treaty enjoins that the same should happen for steel. The time has come, when Britain must decide precisely how she will collaborate in the Community. The Coal and Steel Community was, and is, intended by many as a first step to European federation. Political and economic strength go hand in hand in Europe. The success of the Community would lead to a stronger Europe in both respects.

Latest wills

Residue for WRVS

Margaret White, of Swanage, left £93,229 net. After bequests of £13,750 she left £1,000 each to the League of Friends of Swanage Cottage Hospital, the RNLI, Swanage Parochial Church Council, Dorset Disabled, and the Gardeners' Benevolent Association, and the residue to the WRVS, for a home in Swanage for old people of limited means.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Allison, Mr George, of Worksop, solicitor £170,007

Capell, Lady Iris Mary Arbenais De Vere, of Farnham Common, member, Liberal Party executive, 1957-62 .. .. .. £247,715

Cobham, Lord, of Stourbridge, unsettled estate £124,014

Kumpf, Mr Frederick Julius, of Epsom £114,722

Luff, Mrs Dorothy Louise, of Axminster £124,361

Moody, Mr Peter George, of Haywards Heath £111,632

Mr Cyril Scotts Newton, of Philadelphia, late of Sidmouth, left estate in England and Wales valued at £184,248.

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OBITUARY

MR ROBERT D. MURPHY

Life of diplomatic service to the United States

Mr Robert D. Mutphy, who died in New York on January 9 at the age of 83, was one of a brilliant band of American diplomats who helped to guide that nation through the transition from isolationism to world leadership. He was widely regarded as one of the most remarkable diplomats his country produced and he was the first member of the professional foreign service of the United States to be appointed Under-Secretary of State, which post he resigned in 1959 after 40 years of government service.

He was known as America's diplomatic "trouble-shooter", a description he disliked intensely, but it was a fact that he was constantly called upon to smooth out difficulties that seemed insurmountable. In such circumstances he was remarkably successful. Whenever the processes of diplomacy were strained to breaking point the administration, whether Democratic or Republican, called on the services of the man known as "the envoy of moderation".

Murphy's was the era of American diplomats that included Joseph Grew, William Phillips, Sumner Welles, George Messersmith, Norman Armour, Ray Atherton and James C. Dunn. In 1924 Congress passed the Rogers act which combined the American consular and diplomatic services and his generation staffed the first really professional foreign service of the United States. This generation took on the responsibilities of the new internationalism of America. It saw the United States through the Second World War, endured the McCarthy war against the service and stayed the course well into the Cold War.

Robert D. Murphy was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1894, educated at Marquette Academy and then at George Washington University, where he took his LL.B. in 1920. His first diplomatic assignment was at Berne in 1917 and after two years he returned to Washington, which enabled him to finish at the university and take his degree. The following year he was posted to Zurich and then to Munich and to Seville, after which he returned to the State Department for four years.

In 1930 he was posted to Paris as consul and by 1940 had been promoted to counsellor. He was there when the Germans overran northern France and the French Government left first for Tours and then Bordeaux. Murphy remained in Paris as chargé d'affaires when the Vichy government was formed. Not long afterwards he was detailed by President Roosevelt to investigate conditions in North Africa and in 1941 he negotiated an economic accord with General Weygand. He also made the vital preparations for the landing of allied troops in North Africa, going ashore secretly in a rubber boat from an American submarine in company with General Mark Clark. In 1942 he conducted the negotiations that resulted in French West Africa going into the war on the allied side. After the North African landings he remained there as President Roosevelt's personal representative with the rank of Minister. He was intimately concerned, on orders from Washington, in the negotiations which resulted in what was called at the time the "Darlan Deal".

It was while he was in North Africa that his talents first came to the attention of Eisenhower, who made him his political adviser. He remained close to the Allied commander-in-chief for some time. After Italy left the war Murphy was attached to the Allied Control Commission with the rank of Ambassador. Still later he was political adviser on German affairs to SHAEF and after the war in Europe ended he was adviser on occupied Germany to General Lucius Clay. He was given much of the credit for the success of the Berlin air lift in 1948-49. His relationship with the military commanders he advised were not always serene. They had military jobs to do but he insisted on putting the political problems involved in front of them, emphasizing that political problems in warfare could not be ignored. Later he made a special study of the relationship of the soldier and the diplomat and came to earn the respect of the Pentagon.

After a further period in Washington he was ap Ambassador to Belgium and remained in Bruss three years and then, i was transferred to To Ambassador.

Although he had alrea a long and distinguished much important dip work still lay ahead o From Japan he went b Washington and was ad through the rank of a Secretary of State to Secretary, the first t career service officer reached the second post Department.

In the 1950s one of hi important tasks was re the damage done to the tion of the foreign servi the morale of its o during the McCarthy er other important jobs in helping to negotiate the armistice, persuading Ita Yugoslavia to end their d over Trieste, shuffling be Paris and Tunis in an eff damp down the fires crea the French bombing Tunisian village and help dissolve the crises over North Africa and Leban has been said that it wa almost alone to his fir and tact that Lebanese finally decided not to fi Americans when they l there during the revolt a the regime of Pres Chamoun.

At the end of 1958 announced his retirement the diplomatic service to private business. Howeve was persuaded to delay departure for a while so he could accompany Pres Eisenhower on his visit Europe, Asia and Africa.

After his retirement diplomacy he became a dir of the Corning Glass Com and chairman of Corning International. He had served on the Presic Foreign Intelligence Adv Board under President and chaired the Intelli Oversight Board. He men Diplomat Among War appeared in 1964.

He married Miss Mi Claire Taylor in 1921 and had three daughters. His died in 1974.

PROFESSOR M. B. DONALD

Professor Maxwell Bruce Donald, Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering in the University of London, died on January 6, aged 80.

He was educated at Felsted School, the Royal College of Science and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, although his studies were interrupted between 1915 and 1919 when he was commissioned in the Royal Artillery and saw active service in France. His subsequent industrial experiences with the Chilean Nitrate Producers, the Asiatic Petroleum Company and the Royal Dutch Shell Group, were to influence his later academic research contributions. His early papers on percolation leaching, sedimentation of suspensions and the Reynolds analogy, all broke new ground. He was appointed lecturer in chemical engineering at University College London in 1931, Reader in 1946 and Ramsay Memorial Professor in 1952. He retired in 1965.

Donald's record of professional service was outstanding. He was Honorary Secretary of the Institution of Chemical Engineers 1937-56, and played a major role in keeping this professional body alive during the war years. He was awarded the Moulton medal in 1937, the Osborne Reynolds medal in 1940 and in 1961 he had the rare distinction of being elected to Honorary Life-membership of the Institution. He was chairman of the Chemical Engineering Group, Society of Chemical Industry; chairman of the Maximum Working Stress Committee, British Standards Institution; director of the Bureau of Abstracts; member of Council of the Royal Institute of University and member of the Regional Advisory Committee for Higher Technological Education, amongst many other activities.

After the destruction of the Ramsay Memorial Laboratories in 1941, when University College itself was devastated by bombing, Donald completed the chemical engineering courses under conditions of great difficulty and then embarked on government work in which he was closely involved with the development of the limpet mine and fuses. Later he was invited to organize undergraduate teaching in chemical engineering at Imperial College and, by the end of the war, he was operating an extremely successful course with over 200 graduates. In 1946 he returned to Gower Street to re-open Department at University College.

He actively promoted disciplinary studies at University College and the development of biochemical engineering as an academic discipline owes a great deal to his generate encouragement of the subject in his department.

One of his hobbies, history research into the metallurgical industries, coupled with deep attachment to the County of Cornwall, where he retired each summer, developed into a major activity in his later years and resulted in the publication of two books on the development of the copper industry in the sixteenth century: *Elizabethan Copper* (1955) and *Elizabethan Monopolies* (1971).

Donald was a man of many parts. He took a keen personal interest in all his students and his kindly advice was much sought after. All who knew him will remember the warmth of his genial smile. He was regarded with great affection throughout the profession of chemical engineering.

MR K. E. HUNT

Mr Kenneth Edward Hunt, who was Director of the Institute of Agricultural Economics in the University of Oxford, died suddenly on January 4. He was 61. He was born on August 29 1916, at Evesham in Worcestershire. After attending Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham, he went to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he read for the Natural Science Tripos, subsequently taking the postgraduate Diploma in Agriculture. He then worked in the animal nutrition section of the School of Agriculture with E. T. Halnan where he became interested in the collection and use of agricultural statistics to which subject he was subsequently to make major contributions.

On the outbreak of war he was seconded to the Ministry of Food as a statistician but was soon transferred to the Home Agricultural Planning Branch, of which he ultimately became the head. He was prominent in many agricultural and food matters in the immediate post-war period, including the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe and the briefing for the Hot Springs Conference, which gave birth to the F.A.O.

In 1947 he was appointed to a University Lectureship at the Institute for Research in Agricultural Economics at Oxford and in 1970 became its Director, in succession to Colin Clark. His knowledge and expertise in the statistics of agriculture may be exemplified by three of his publications; his early *Agricultural Statistics in the United Kingdom* (with D. K. Britton), his *Agricultural Statistics for Developing Countries*, and his series (with K. R. Clark) *The State of British Agriculture*, which latter provided a unique source and commentary on the contemporary situation. Other publications attest to his continuing interest in poultry and other livestock production and marketing.

He was a Fellow of Wolfson College from its foundation and was active in college affairs during its early formative years. Among other offices, he was a past president of the British Agricultural Economics Society and a loyal and trusted vice president and Publications Editor of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, carrying through over many years a great volume of voluntary work. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters.

Kenneth Hunt brought to agricultural economics the discipline and thoroughness of a scientific training. The second-best was not good enough for him. To this was added, in both public and private life, a surpassing goodness which endeared him to his colleagues and to generations of students.

HARTWIG STEENKEN

Hartwig Steenken, the for world showjumping champ has died in hospital in Han almost six months after b injured in a car crash. He 36. Steenken, won the W Championship in Hickstead 1974. He captured his major title, the European ch pionship, in Aachen in 1971 the Olympic Games in Mu the following year he was in West German team which the Nations' Cup, and finis fourth in the individual ev

Last July he suffered seri injuries when a car in which was travelling was in collis with another vehicle.

LADY ISMAY

Lady Ismay, widow of Gene Lord Ismay, KG, GCB, CH, D Deputy Secretary (Military) the War Cabinet 1940-45 and first Secretary-General of N 1952-57, died on January 9.

She was Laura Kathle daughter of H. G. Clegg, Wormington Grange, Worcesh shire. Her mother was daughter of Joseph Field, brother of Marshall Field, notable American merchant store proprietor. Joseph Fi managed the family's intere in England. Lady Ismay (Darl met "Pug" Ismay in the cou of a lawn tennis tourname They were married in 19 Lord Ismay died in 1965.

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Psychology: Anxiety over pain tested

By Our Medical Correspondent

Women sometimes allege that male doctors (and especially surgeons) have sexist prejudices that affect their professional judgments, and a report from the Welsh National School of Medicine has provided some scientific evidence to support that belief. The Welsh surgeons began by looking at orthodox medical attitudes to pain in the breast. One famous textbook describes women who complain of severe breast pain as "frustrated unhappy nulliparae", and another leading authority is quoted as saying that "these patients are of an irritable and suggestive nature".

There are several recognized causes of pain in the breasts: inflammation in and around the milk ducts, for example, and the pain that occurs in many women shortly before their menstrual periods. But unexplained pain or pain causing serious distress is likely to be labelled by doctors as neurotic.

More than 300 women with pain severe enough to justify hospital investigations were selected for study. In none was there any suspicion of cancer. A further 170 women attending a varicose vein clinic were taken as controls. Psychological test were done on all the women to assess their levels of anxiety, how fastidious they were, whether they were depressed or hysterical, and whether they showed evidence of phobia. The same tests were also done on a third group of women attending psychiatric outpatients clinics.

The tests showed that the psychiatric patients scored co sistently higher than the oth women on all tests and mu higher on anxiety. No significa differences were found betwee the women with breast pain an those with varicose veins. Thos results contradict widely hel medical opinions and show the women who complain to thei doctors of pain in the breasts ar psychologically stable. In practice terms that should mean that th symptom is mostly because of a underlying physical abnormality and that physical treatments ar more likely to be effective than "reassurance" or tranquillizers.

Source: *British Medical Journal* January 7, 1978 (p 29).

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Leyland secures £50m private loan for cash flow requirements

By John Huxley

British Leyland has negotiated temporary short-term facilities—which may be as much as £50m—from commercial lenders to help to meet its present cash requirements, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, disclosed yesterday.

The move is likely to be regarded as a means of by-passing the National Enterprise Board, thus avoiding further public criticism and affording a breathing space for Mr Michael Edwardes, the chairman, who, in any case is likely to want changes in the arrangements for funding the group.

But company sources said last night that one reason for seeking private finance rather than government money was that it is cheaper to borrow on the money market because the 1% surcharge of a fraction of a per cent does not have to be paid.

News of the loan was given by Mr Varley in a Commons question. He said that on present estimates, the company would not require further government funds before March, when he expected to receive a report from the National Enterprise Board on British Leyland's revised corporate plan.

The new loan—understood to have come from City bankers—will meet day-to-day cash flow requirements and help to finance the company's continuing investment programme.

There was speculation early last month that British Leyland would have to seek further aid. But the Government made it clear that the remaining £50m could not be released until it had studied the corporate plan and was being maintained in industrial relations reform.

Last September, the company was given a £50m loan by the National Enterprise Board to pay wages and keep the company afloat, after a series of strikes at components suppliers had added to cash flow problems.

Announcements of that loan, to be repaid at 13½ per cent, provoked criticism because it was part of the £100m approved by the National Enterprise Board for the company's capital investment programme.

Group pay bargaining must stay, union says

By Donald Macintyre

Engineering union leaders oppose outright any shake-up of Leyland Cars that would lead to a retreat from the newly agreed plan for centralized pay bargaining.

This will be made clear to Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland chairman, when he meets senior officials from the company's main unions early next week to discuss his future plans.

The executive council of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, worried by reports that Mr Edwardes could be ready to cut up to 30,000 jobs, will press for assurances that there will be no cutbacks without the "fullest consultation."

But it agreed yesterday to back Mr Edwardes with equal force that they will use their full strength to defend the new company-wide pay plan, agreed by the workforce in a secret ballot last year.

Mr Hugh Scanlon the union's president, said yesterday: "The executive is unanimously of the opinion that all assurances given by the company on the principle of group bargaining should and must be kept."

Mr Scanlon said that the features of the plan which must be preserved included the principle of parity—the same rate for the same job throughout Leyland Cars—incentive payments on centrally agreed guidelines, and the proposed five-grade system of rates throughout the company.

On jobs, Mr Scanlon said: "There must be the fullest consultation with the trade unions and any assurances already made must be kept." He added: "We see the assurances given on the issue of group bargaining vital steps in resolving the difficulties of the toolmakers."

Mr Scanlon said that the union had already pressed for an urgent meeting to discuss the future of Leyland Cars in the light of press reports, but that he understood Mr Edwardes had now agreed to meet the unions on Monday.

The executive is likely to warn Mr Edwardes that a fresh toolmakers' strike could have official backing from the union if his widely reported plan to split the company means substantial changes to the pay bargaining proposals.

Clifford Webb writes: Leaders of Leyland Cars 14,000 craftsmen are to make "a third and final approach" to management for separate bargaining rights. If they are again rejected they will consider some form of strike action.

But the have refused to join the 3,000 "rebel" toolmakers who have already threatened to strike for the same reason.

A number of unions, including white-collar workers, are planning to stage demonstrations at tomorrow's crucial meeting of Leyland Cars Joint Management Council, the highest of the three-tier participation bodies set up in the wake of the Ryder Report.

They will be protesting at reports that Mr Edwardes is planning a substantial reduction in Leyland Cars' labour force.

Wall St prepares for rise in prime rate

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Jan 10

Speculation increased on Wall Street today that the Federal Reserve Board would aim for still higher short-term interest rates and so prompt a further rise in the commercial bank prime lending rate to 8¾ per cent.

The rising trend of short-term interest rates and concern about further rate advances continued to dominate sentiment on the rock markets. Some early advances in share prices weer seen as a result of bargain hunting, but then prices started to decline on a broad front.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined a further 3.03 points to 781.53, its sixth fall in succession. It has lost nearly 50 points since the end of December.

Money market operations by the Fed indicate that it has raised its target level for federal funds to 6¾ per cent from 6½ per cent and many bankers believe the Fed will move up to 7 per cent before long.

There are strong doubts, however, whether these increases will have the effect of increasing foreign capital flows to the United States and so strengthen the dollar in the exchange markets as the Fed desires.

Bankers point our that at best it seems likely that the recent pressure on the dollar will ease for some time, but that it is unlikely that confidence abroad in holding dollars will strengthen significantly until the Carter Administration and the Congress have given clearer indications of their likely actions on the federal budget, domestic economic policy stimulation and energy.

The evident weakness of confidence in American policies, reflected in foreign exchange market and stock market trends, is likely to be addressed directly in a series of statements that President Carter is to make shortly.

He will give his State of the Union address on January 19 and will announce his Budget on January 23.

He will also soon send the Congress his detailed tax cutting proposals and at the end of this month he will send the Congress the new medium-term economic forecasts of his Council of Economic Advisers.

Life offices find growth in unit-linked bonds

The growing popularity of unit-linked bonds is reflected in the latest annual figures released yesterday from British life assurance offices.

The figures show that total new yearly premiums for life assurance and annuities climbed only marginally from £1,000m to £1,060m during 1977, but single premiums rose 28 per cent to £545m.

New sums assured by the companies rose by 9 per cent to £37,500m and new annuities increased to £1,230m.

Money growth may exceed 13pc

By John Whitmore

Contrary to most stock market expectation, the annual rate of growth in the money supply seems likely to have remained above the Government's envisaged 13 per cent ceiling in the December banking month.

This at least is the indication given by the latest figures for the banking system's eligible liabilities. These grew by 1.6 per cent, or £645m in the four weeks to December 14 to reach a total of £40,481m.

Although the eligible liability figures—these cover the bulk of the banks' sterling deposits—are not precisely the same as the money supply figures, they generally provide a fairly accurate pointer to the trend in sterling M3, the broad-based definition of money supply, for which figures will be published in a week's time.

While it seems likely that sterling M3 will not in fact have been growing quite as fast as eligible liabilities, it still seems probable that it will have grown rather faster than the 0.8 per cent needed to bring it back within the Government's envisaged ceiling after the first eight months of the financial year.

Financial markets had been hoping that the success of the authorities in reactivating sales of gilt-edged securities from late November onwards — these have the effect of reducing money supply growth—might have brought the annualized rate of growth in the money supply back inside the Government's ceiling more quickly.

It seems, however, that the central government borrowing requirement in the first couple of weeks of December was running rather higher than had been generally expected, inflated by such items as tax rebates and the Christmas bonus to pensioners. At the same time, it has been difficult to estimate the precise size of gilt sales by the authorities.

The fact that the money supply may be taking rather longer to bring back within the planned parameters than markets had been expecting should not, however, prove particularly worrying at this stage.

But it does seem that the authorities are not as far ahead of the game in their full year funding programme as some analysts have been forecasting. Monday's unexpected announcement of a new long-dated stock offering may reflect a keenness to keep the funding programme rolling and avoid any year end problems that might arise from action by the power workers.

Latest figures show that there has been no notable change in the contribution of bank lending to monetary growth.

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BANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve assets ratios of United Kingdom Banks released by the Bank of England today:

At mid-month	Eligible liabilities £m	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Reserve assets ratio
1976 Dec	36,879	12.8	13.8
1977 Jan	38,147	— 5.1	14.4
Feb	34,834	—23.7	13.8
March	34,977	—19.1	13.9
April	35,843	— 3.3	14.2
May	35,824	+11.9	14.0
June	36,278	+15.7	14.0
July	37,094	+14.6	14.0
Aug	37,691	+22.5	14.5
Sept	38,793	+30.8	14.5
Oct	39,705	+31.4	14.5
Nov	40,196	+29.6	15.1
Dec	40,841	+22.9	14.8

First advance in living standards for a year

By Our Economics Staff

A 6.5 per cent drop in income tax payments last autumn and a slowdown in inflation led to the first increase in Britons' living standards for a year.

In the same three months from July to September, 1977, British industry notched up a 2¾ per cent rise in profits, net of stock appreciation, and registered a financial surplus of £377m.

A fall in stocks between June and September was partly responsible for the turnaround in the financial position of industrial and commercial companies. The last time they were in surplus was five years ago.

The improvement in living standards shown in yesterday's official figures from the Central Statistical Office will come as a welcome sign that Britain has turned the corner after a period during which real incomes fell by nearly 7 per cent from their peak in the middle of 1974.

There is still a long way to go before that level is reached again, however.

Consumer spending rose by a little more than the increase in personal incomes after tax in the third quarter. There was thus a drop in the savings ratio —the proportion of net income that is saved rather than spent.

The fall from 13.1 to 12.8 could be a sign of increased consumer confidence as inflation slowed down and people looked forward to larger wage increases in phase three.

The level of savings has a significant impact on the economy, but is extremely difficult to forecast. A higher proportion of personal savings exerts a depressing influence on the economy.

However, the ratio shown in yesterday's figures is down from the highest levels reached in recent years although still well above the average for the 1960s and early 1970s.

There is every likelihood that Mr Healey will decide to cut taxes still further in his coming Spring Budget.

The full effect of the April, 1977 Budget on tax and National Insurance contributions was to lower them by 1 per cent in the six months to September, compared with the previous six months.

The self-employed, and those whose income is received from rent and dividends, have recently had larger increases in earnings than those in employment. The income of this group rose by 3.9 per cent in the third quarter of 1977.

Farmers account for a large part of this group and the good harvest last year helped to boost their incomes.

PERSONAL INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND SAVINGS
(Seasonally adjusted)

	£ million		
	Total personal disposable income (1)	Savings as a percentage of personal disposable income	Personal disposable income revalued at 1970 prices (2)
1976	88,241	14.6	41,454
1975 Q1	17,412	16.8	10,653
Q2	16,360	14.2	10,349
Q3	19,274	15.1	10,300
Q4	19,819	15.5	10,231
1976 Q1	20,889	15.5	10,452
Q2	20,926	14.2	10,246
Q3	22,077	15 4	10,489
Q4	22,399	13.3	10,267
1977 Q1	23,259	14.2	10,210
Q2	23,531	13.1	9,970
Q3	24,483	12.8	10,084

(1) Equals total personal income before tax less taxes on income, national insurance, etc, contributions and transfers abroad.
(2) Personal disposable income revalued by the implied consumers' expenditure deflator (1970=100).

Deadlock in Basle on best course for dollar

From Peter Norman
Basle, Jan 10

Central bankers from leading Western industrial countries today wound up two days of talks on the dollar without coming to any formal decisions, or issuing any official statement.

Although modest progress was reported on the question of coordinating central bank policies towards the United States currency, the talks in Basle also revealed that there is still a considerable divergence of opinion on the implications of the dollar's weakness between the United States and West German monetary authorities.

It would appear that the West Germans were unable to win over the representatives of the Fed to sharing their concern that the recent slide in the dollar's value threatens Germany's export industry and could, therefore, act as a restricting factor on economic growth in the Federal Republic.

The Germans probably went to Basle this month with their expectations inflated by last week's American decision to support the dollar on foreign exchange markets and raise discount rate by half a percentage point to 6.5 per cent.

Inevitably they felt disappointed on finding that the views of the Fed did not match their own and those of Switzerland and the Netherlands—the other "hard currency nations" in Europe.

Washington did not appear to exert overt pressure on the world's surplus nations to reflate their economies. But there can be little doubt that the Americans are rather jaundiced with the argument that large trade surpluses such as Germany's are offset by deficits on invisibles, particularly when the deficits arise mainly from the free spending habits of tourists abroad.

On the other hand, central banking sources did not write off this month's Basle meeting as a failure. If there is any lesson to be drawn from the dollar's fall over the past couple of months, it is that progress towards common policies is necessarily slow.

Crédit Suisse chief in Italian bank inquiry

From John Earle
Rome, Jan 10

An Italian investigating magistrate is reported by Milan judicial sources to have sent formal notification of an inquiry to Herr Oswald Aeppli, the chairman of Crédit Suisse.

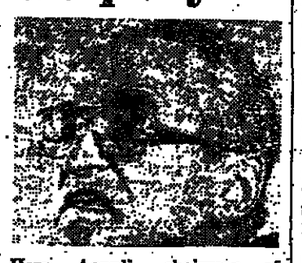
Although the details of a magistrate's investigation in Italy are officially secret, the action is understood to have been taken in pursuance of legal proceedings initiated against Crédit Suisse earlier last year by Signor Ferdinando Bozzo, a Milan financier, in relation to the affairs of Moliní Certosa.

Originally a flour milling concern, this is a finance and property company which Signor Bozzo used to head. Its controlling shareholding is now in the hands of Crédit Suisse.

A shareholders' meeting of Moliní Certosa was due to have been held in Milan yesterday, but in the light of events has been postponed until Monday.

The Italian press reports that Signor Giuseppe Tarantola, the Milan magistrate, went to the Crédit Suisse headquarters in Zurich on November 24 and was able with the collaboration of the Swiss authorities to lay hands on documentation relating to certain numbered accounts.

The news, which has only now leaked out, has worried Italian financial circles that the Swiss authorities may be relaxing their standards of banking secrecy. Like, worth many millions of pounds, have been exported clandestinely to Switzerland by Italians since the war.



Herr Aeppli, chairman of Crédit Suisse.

The management of Crédit Suisse was reorganized last year after the discovery in the spring of losses resulting from unauthorized operations in Italy by officers of its Chiasso branch.

Under Italian procedure, a magistrate investigating charges has to give formal notification. It does not follow that a charge will automatically be brought since the magistrate later decides whether to proceed.

This is not the only affair in which the Italian judiciary have been pressing for a relaxation of Swiss banking secrecy. The Italian authorities are trying to obtain information about numbered accounts with a failed Geneva bank, formerly controlled by Signor Michele Sindona, the financier.

Dead heat possibility in UK-Dutch options race

The race between the stock exchanges in London and Amsterdam to be the first in Europe with a traded share options market could end in a virtual dead-heat.

This possibility emerged yesterday when the Stock Exchange Council in London gave its strongest approval so far to controversial plan for the formation of a limited market in options on eight United Kingdom stocks to be traded on the existing Stock Exchange floor.

Having satisfied itself that a suitable clearing system for the operation has been designed, the council announced that although it was not possible to give an accurate date it seemed likely that trading could commence within the next three months.

Amsterdam has April 4 pencilled in as he launch-date for a more full-blooded international market along the exact lines of the hugely successful Chicago Board Options Exchange.

The possibility that the Amsterdam operation and the more modest London scheme could open almost simultaneously is given further credence by the fact that many London officials regard the race against the Dutch as largely illusory.

Mr James Dundas Hamilton, chairman of the London Options Committee said yesterday that both sides have been in close consultation on developments.

But although both sides have played down the importance of being first on the scene, it is also clear that neither would like to be second, and thus a tie might seem the most acceptable result.

In London work on the reconstruction of a podium on the floor of the Exchange to be used by all five major jobbers dealing in Standard Exercise Price Options is expected to start within the next few days.

Member firms are to receive an introductory circular on traded options possibly before the end of this month and this will be followed by details of the requirements for clearing and dealing.

The Stock Exchange Council said yesterday that it also intends to carry out an extensive programme of instruction in London and the provinces "to inform the financial community and the public of the facilities which a traded options market can offer in modifying the balance of investment portfolios".

One aspect of potentially critical importance to the measure of success of the London market may not be resolved until both centres are operating. Amsterdam is hopeful that the Bank of England will allow British investors to use the Dutch market to deal in options on underlying United Kingdom securities without going through the dollar premium pool.

Although it is thought unlikely the Bank's failure to give approval would remove most competition between the two markets as well as giving a fillip to the London scheme.

However, a spokesman for the Bank said yesterday that it can only give a ruling on the issue when a British investor applies for permission to deal in Amsterdam options. And such an application of course cannot be considered until Amsterdam opens for business.

Richard Allen

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CBI warning on public spending

By Malcolm Brown

Industrial leaders warned the Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday that he could expect their opposition if Thursday's White Paper on public expenditure contains proposals for an increase for 1978-79 onwards.

It is expected that the White Paper will indicate that public expenditure will be permitted to grow at an average rate of about 2 per cent a year between now and 1981-82.

After a lengthy meeting with Mr Healey yesterday Sir John Methven, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said this sort of programme would rule out substantial cuts in personal taxation.

Mr Healey was told that the CBI believed that a growth rate of 3 to 3½ per cent a year over the next four years was a reasonable probability. But if the Government went ahead with an increase in public expenditure the chances of cutting personal tax by one-third—as the CBI wanted—was reduced by half, unless employers' insurance contributions and VAT were increased.

These would both have an effect on the retail prices index. The CBI wants public expenditure to be held constant in real terms until 1981.

Sir John said that he thought the opportunities for an increase in national insurance contributions or VAT over the next few years were not great because they would add to the rate of inflation.

The industrialists told the Chancellor it was vital to cut the level of personal income tax, which was the highest in the European Economic Community.

A plea was made to Mr Healey for further relaxations on the restrictions to overseas investment, beyond the minor measures taken at the end of last year. Sir John said that all the evidence showed that allowing overseas investment increased employment at home.

The CBI delegation also discussed industrial policy and pay with the Chancellor. They pointed out that there seemed to be a contradiction involved in the Government, on the one hand, asking Mr Harold Lever to take a special interest in the problems of small firms and on the other proposing the introduction of a wealth tax.

The psychological impact of such a threat could be exceedingly sharp, said Sir John.

On pay, the CBI was adamant that it would not discuss any such move in isolation.

Saudis say freeze on oil price will last through 1978

Riyadh, Jan 10.—Crude oil prices will stay frozen throughout this year, Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, said here today.

Some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries wanted an extraordinary conference on the subject, but a majority was against this, and such a gathering was therefore virtually ruled out, he said.

Of the Venezuelan proposal for a rise of benefit to the Third World, Shaikh Yamani said no decision had been reached. Saudi Arabia was against a rise.

He confirmed that the Aramco group had put forward a plan for increased Saudi output, but said the idea had been neither discussed nor approved. Saudi Arabia as a state was responsible for production planning.

Shares setback for food groups

A gloomy diet of industrial news coupled to unsettling banking figures gave the *FT* ordinary share index its sharpest fall since mid-December closing 7.2 down at 484.5.

Much of the action came in foods after news that Sainsbury's is to cut prices of more than 150 items. Falls of up to 20p knocked almost £40m off the value of four supermarket groups.

Food manufacturers like Spillers and Tate & Lyle, were also affected. With retailers having only limited scope to absorb further price cuts, market worries that manufacturers are likely to be put under increasing pressure to give greater discounts trimmed shares back.

Gilts fared little better. Early losses in the longer maturities were stretched to falls of between half a point and five-eighths.

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Details soon of Crown Agents inquiry

The Government will announce the composition and terms of reference of the tribunal being set up to investigate the £200m losses of the Crown Agents within the next two or three weeks.

The setting up of the tribunal, under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act, 1921, will depend on an affirmative resolution of both Houses. Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, will be in charge of this operation.

Whitehall was yesterday ascribing the delay in setting up the tribunal—it was proposed more than a month ago—to purely domestic reasons: the absence of the Prime Minister and other senior Cabinet colleagues on other tasks over the Christmas period. But a further difficulty may have been in finding someone of sufficient distinction willing to chair the tribunal.

One possibility is that Judge Edgar Fay, who prepared the committee of inquiry report published last December, might be invited to chair it.

Letraset

Interim announcement

	Six months ended 31st October			Year ended 30th April
	1977	1976	Increase	1977
Sales (£000)	15,211	13,413	13%	28,671
Profit before tax (£000)	3,396	2,870	18%	6,520
Earnings per share (p)	7.30	5.84	25%	14.06
Dividend per share (p)	0.897	0.816		2.82681

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Royal	10p to 410p
Sainsbury J	13p to 190p
Tesco	4p to 44p
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Union Discount	20p to 450p
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Gold gained $2 an ounce to $173.125.
SDR-$ was 1.20810 on Tuesday while SDR-£ was 0.6298755.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1420 (previous 1417.5).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.74	1.68
Austria Sch	31.00	29.00
Belgium Fr	66.00	63.00
Canada $	2.137	2.087
Denmark Kr	11.54	11.14
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.65
France Fr	9.33	9.01
Germany Dm	4.29	4.07
Greece Dr	80.00	76.50
Hong Kong $	9.10	8.65
Italy Lr	1765.00	1680.00
Japan Yn	485.00	460.00
Netherlands Gld	4.58	4.36
Norway Kr	10.27	9.92
Portugal Esc	89.00	83.75
S Africa Rd	2.05	1.92
Spain Pes	164.50	158.50
Sweden Kr	9.33	8.98
Switzerland Fr	4.05	3.84
US $	1.96	1.91
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	37.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Rise in instalment credit could signal resurgence of retail sales

By David Blake
Economics Correspondent

There was a significant increase in instalment credit business in November, according to figures published by the Department of Trade yesterday.

Total credit extended by finance houses and retailers amounted to £420m, compared with £386m in October.

In addition, revised figures from the Department of Trade suggest that retail sales were *more buoyant than previously* thought. The latest estimate for the retail sales index is 106.1, compared with the 105 level originally estimated for November.

Taken together, the two sets of figures suggest that the long-awaited recovery in the retail sector may have started. This impression would seem to be confirmed by anecdotal evidence from the stores at Christmas and during the January sales.

Indication of a recovery is still tentative, and the most usual comparison, which is to look at the latest three-month period and compare it with the previous three months, shows no significant increase.

The rise in credit is significant however. Finance houses lent more than in either October or September, and about as much as in August.

The August figures were boosted by loans for car purchase, a usual trend at that time.

Lending by retailers was at its highest for the whole of 1977 up to November. In the three months to November, the average level of credit sales was 9 per cent higher than in the previous three months.

Department stores experienced a particularly sharp rise of 19 per cent, with a 9 per cent rise in the mainly mail-order category of "other instalment credit retailers" and a 5 per cent rise in durable goods.

Total debt outstanding to finance houses and retailers increased by £58m.

This brought the total increase in the three months to the end of November to £156m, compared to £175m during the three months to the end of August.

Nonetheless, the amount of new credit extended during the three month period to the end of November was up on the previous period. For finance houses the increase was 5 per cent while for credit retailers it was 8 per cent.

The pattern of sales continues to reflect the poor performance of the durable goods credit market. Sales of durables fell in November in volume terms, while sales of clothing and footwear went up.

RETAIL SALES

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

	Sales by volume 1970=100	Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months at annual rate	New credit extd. £m.
1976			
Nov	109.2	+ 1.5	332
Dec	108.3	— 1.5	331
1977			
Jan	106.7	— 2.1	324
Feb	105.7	— 6.6	342
March	103.1	—11.8	351
April	103.4	—14.0	349
May	104.4	—12.7	358
June	103.8	— 4.1	350
July	107.0	+ 4.3	363
Aug	107.2	+10.9	417
Sept	106.2	+11.8	402
Oct	105.4	+ 5.0	386
Nov	106.1	+ 0.4	420

Shipping agents face Customs prosecution on documents lapses

By Melvyn Westlake

Customs and Excise has become "gravely concerned" at the increasing failure of shipping agents to submit export documents. This trend, which has become steadily more marked during the past two years, is regarded as sufficiently serious to warrant a change of policy towards prosecution of offenders.

Whereas HM Customs and Excise has not in the past tended to prosecute exporters and shipping agents for neglecting to submit documents, it is *now giving notice that in future* it will "not hesitate to initiate court proceedings". This was made clear in a trenchant statement yesterday.

There is no suggestion that non-submission of documents *has led to any official under*-recording of exports in value terms.

A regular monthly adjustment is made to the published export figure to allow for some non-submission of documents.

But it does mean the authorities are not receiving all the information required about the category of goods exported, destination and the form of transport used.

These facts are regarded as important in helping the Government to shape its export strategy and to make planning decisions.

It is estimated that, by last summer, documents not received represented nearly 1.2 per cent of all exports, valued at £240m, in a year.

This compares with a figure of about 0.4 per cent of total exports in 1975 and about 0.7 per cent in 1976.

The estimates are based on the size of the discrepancy between the manifest checks and the export documents.

Manifest papers are needed for all shipments of goods out of the country, but do not provide the degree of information contained in the export documents.

A spokesman for Customs and Excise said yesterday that there was no suggestion of illegal activities being involved in the shortfall of documents.

By law the documents must be submitted within 14 days of clearance for the goods.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why the relaxation of exchange controls must be linked to industrial reform

From Dr Tom Houston

Sir, The primary function of exchange control is the maintenance of a rate of foreign exchange higher than would rule without it. A secondary function is the prevention of sudden flights of capital. For whatever purpose they are applied, the controls tend to raise the net barter terms of trade, to stimulate *imports of goods that are* competitive with domestically produced goods and, in the case of the United Kingdom, to worsen the current balance of payments.

This lesson was relearnt by the *British government some* years ago. The case for formal relaxation of exchange controls might, therefore, be based on evidence that the nation is not currently aiming to maintain a high rate of foreign exchange and may not need to exercise controls if further crises of confidence can be avoided.

Apart, however, from his timely reminder of Britain's obligations under the Treaty of Rome, the Earl of Cromer bases his argument (January 3) for *relaxation upon the claim that* free foreign investment is conducive to domestic industrial development. The claim is supported by evidence of the domestic and overseas performance of 74 of the largest United States corporations during the years 1960-70 and by the general statement that "it was of course in the period of free trade and absence of exchange control of the last century that British industry grew up from infancy to maturity and dominated the world".

The United Kingdom industrial performance fell short during the 1960s, it is implied, because large British firms did not enjoy freedom to expand abroad comparable with that enjoyed by United States firms or comparable with the freedom enjoyed in the past century, and because international financing through London was impeded.

This argument appears to contain three errors. First, the costs and benefits of overseas expansion, to the metropolitan industry, cannot be assessed upon evidence of the growth of the largest and most successful enterprises. Those firms may reap all the benefits from foreign investment, but costs are borne by the whole industry and may in the long run fall most heavily upon factors not employed by foreign investors and on small firms.

Secondly, the historical reference is legendary. Investment in foreign business was tightly controlled in the first quarter of the nineteenth century; the *advantages so effectively* exploited by United Kingdom industries derived from technical leads established before the relaxation of controls on export of technology in 1824, which gave rise to the first big foreign investment boom of 1824-1825; and the long decline of United Kingdom industrial vitality during the latter part of the century coincided with successive large-scale increases in overseas capital expenditure.

Thirdly, the expansion United Kingdom and Unite States multinational firms du ing the recent period has d pended upon exports of tec nology and does not appear have been severely impeded restrictions on internatior capital movements which we imposed by United States well as United Kingd authorities. It would be dif cult to argue that compani which have failed to becor "multinational", such British Leyland, have revert to the role of an internatio trading compan mair through failure to finance ov seas expansion.

Britain now has an opp tunity to revitalize her own dustries. This calls for refor whose aim must be to raise efficiency of the United Ki dom as a manufacturing cour Hence relaxation of exchar controls must be accompani by reforms which will ensu that the directors of large-sc manufacturing industry g their whole attention to t administration of domes *operations and to the streng* ening of the technical adv tages that comprise natio comparative advantage. If now have money to spare, must ensure that the export money is not automatica accompanied by export of te nology which we cannot affo to share with our competitor

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Medical fees for elderly drivers

From Mr J. B. Ashton

Sir, I read with interest a letter from Mr Thomas Vezey in *The Times* on Friday, January 6.

There is indeed a recommended fee for the issue of this certificate. The British Medical Association recommended scale fee is £8.05p. For this the doctor is making a professional decision that there is no medical indication at the time of the examination that the motorist should not drive. It is not unreasonable that a fee is charged for this service.

For a number of years I have attempted to obtain the agreement of the motor insuring companies that the fee is paid direct to the doctor by the insurance company requesting the examination. This situation exists in the case of life assurance exami*nations carried out by general* medical practitioners on behalf of the life assurance companies.

On each occasion that I have made this request, I have been told that it is not administratively possible. If it were, however, the cost of the medical examinations for elderly drivers would fall on the motoring public as a whole and not on each individual elderly driver. This, therefore, takes account of the argument that the elderly driver is dependent upon his motor car for his mobility and has enough costs to bear without incurring yet another one.

There is an agreed fee, therefore, and it is not by the wish of the medical profession that the fee has to be paid by the elderly driver himself.

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Imports from the Third World

From Mr E. Ira Brown

Sir, In his letter "Developing industries", December 29, Mr *W. N. S. Calvert made the very* interesting point that a plan was needed by which rich countries could transfer their available skills and capital to poorer countries without jeopardizing their own industries. A refer*ence was made to shoes.*

Having lived in the east I must point out that in countries like India and Bangladesh shoes are very much a luxury. What millions of people in these two countries require before anything else are two square meals a day and adequate housing.

This can only come about by international trade, which is a two-way operation. Exports cannot survive without imports. No country, whether it is under-developed, developing or developed, can build up its economy without exporting its goods. Under-developed countries must start with exports of consumer items, such as cheap shoes and textiles, because *they are labour intensive and* easy to make—a position which faced this country early in the last century—while developed countries would be better occupied using their skills and advanced techniques *to make more sophisticated* goods.

As time goes on developed countries will have to look more and more to developing countries to find markets for their goods. To obtain these markets the living standards of the poorer countries must be improved and for this to come about the richer countries must accept their exports.

Yours,
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Rail travel and petrol taxation

From Mr J. G. Henderson

Sir, The British Rail chairman's eminently sensible point about petrol prices has caused a predictable outcry, but if the case for energy conservation is at all genuine, Mr Parker is clearly right.

Cars and lorries are comparatively wasteful users of fuel, and petrol *is* too cheap. The fact that, as Mr Parker pointed out, petrol taxation has been allowed to *fall* by 35 per cent in real terms since January 1975, is a blatant indication of how road users are pampered; other examples are the £800m a year subsidy in the form of tax relief for company cars (the majority of which are used only *minimally* for business purposes) and the way in which each heavy lorry is allowed to enjoy a subsidy of £3,750 a year, as a result of non-payment of its proper share of road costs.

Also left out of the equation are the subsidies to state-owned United Kingdom motor manufacturers, and the immense cost of death and injury on the roads—over the last two years not a single passenger has been killed on our railways.

All in all, there is no justification for the Chancellor to be "soft" on petrol tax.

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Buying in UK during Christmas

From Mr P. Griggs-Smith

Sir, The practical answer to the *question posed by Mr Anthony* Cockerill (January 4), in the first paragraph of his letter, is that his Bahraini guest should have had more consideration than to come to Britain to buy medical equipment at such a time.

Few British businessmen would have gone to Bahrain just a few days before Ramadan, and have expected to arrange appointments during that festival, let alone to have had the good fortune to have been entertained. *QED*, but it *is* time that we stopped knocking ourselves.

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Choosing PO's consumer representatives

From Mr A. Finer

Sir, Now that the Post Offi has democratized itself I won whether I am alone in wish to discover how our consu representatives were chosen.

From the press reports learn that over 1,000 pe applied for board members within this category. In or to erase a premise that Post Office knew whom t were appointing prior to th public relations exercise in ing individuals to nomir themselves, I would like to h from those who did write offer themselves for consid tion. At the same time I wo like to know of their qualifi tions which they thought wo make them a suitable repre tative of the consumer on Post Office board, how m heard that they were bi short-listed, and finally w was the gist of the reply f the Post Office when they w turned down.

You see, one of the appo ments appears to be the come of the Lib-Lab pact, th fore could the others be equ suspect?

Yours faithfully,
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Condition of bank notes

From Mr L. A. Hewes

Sir, On the day that you p lished the letters from Me Goodwin and Hannon ("plorable condition of b notes", January 4) I got ci notes from my bank's cashp machine. On spending some them I was astonished to h the shop assistant say: "I not like new notes", and then proceeded to roll the n between her palms into a b Perhaps this is an explanat of why so many notes are bad condition.

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State salaries

From Mr K. S. Button

Sir, Mr C. J. Newsom (Janu 9) asks why public sector e ings are higher than those in private sector. There is a sim explanation.

Public sector workers are, one way or another, responsi for the safety, essential servi and general welfare of whole of the population; t are, of necessity, required exhibit higher standards efficiency and integrity than pected of the private sec workforce, and theref deserve their extra money.

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18,500 idle in Merseyside car and dock strikes

By R. W. Shakespeare

More than 18,500 workers will be idle on Merseyside from today as a result of three strikes that have closed two big car plants and also halted shipping operations in the port of Liverpool.

Ford announced last night that from today it will lay off 8,000 workers at its Halewood car plant where all output will stop. This follows a decision yesterday by 1,000 press shop workers to continue their unofficial strike which began on Monday.

The Halewood shutdown will mean the loss of about 900 Escorts a day with a showroom value of more than £2m. It also means that the workers will lose £120,000 a day in wages.

The dispute is over manning and production arrangements in the press shops. Yesterday's vote was 9 to 1 in favour of continuing the strike.

Press shop workers turned down proposals for a review of jobs which employees are claiming are not feasible under new time schedules. The company also offered to examine complaints about defects in facilities and equipment and it proposed a four-hour job rotation in the press shop areas.

Shopfloor representatives have demanded an hourly rotation of jobs throughout each shift, but the company says this would lead to inefficiency and loss of quality.

In its proposals to the unions *Ford says the press shops at* Halewood could secure additional work from other Ford factories if its present volume and quality targets were met.

At the docks 6,000 men are now on strike with more than 40 ships held up because of a dispute which began over a management decision to stop pay for 60 men who were absent during working hours over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

The dispute has been extended into more general complaints about a so-called "twilight" shift between the main day and night shifts, and dockers employed by private stevedoring companies have joined those from the Mersey Docks and Harbour Co who began their strike last week.

The third Merseyside strike at British Leyland's Triumph car plant at Speke, Liverpool is now in its 11th week. The 2,000 workers from the TR7 *assembly lines have been out* since November 1 complaining about the management's introduction of new manning scales and work schedules.

Benn discussion on UK reactor choice

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday started a fresh series of meetings to try to determine which type of nuclear power station Britain should choose for the 1980s.

The move follows a split in the Cabinet last month on whether Britain should build the American-designed pressurized water reactor or the British-designed advanced gas-cooled reactor.

The nuclear industry favours the American reactor, with possibly one or two of British design to get the programme under way.

Tariffs clash with US leads to Geneva compromise plan for 40 pc cuts

EEC states put final touches to negotiating line ahead of make-or-break talks on world trade

With protectionist pressures pushing national governments closer to the brink of a pell-mell resort to beggar-my-neighbour commercial policies, EEC member states are putting the final touches to the line they intend to pursue in the so-called Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations. This enters the final, make-or-break phase next week in Geneva.

EEC foreign ministers have been asked by the European Commission, which will represent the Nine in Geneva, to approve the basic principles of the Community's *negotiating position when they meet next* Tuesday in Brussels.

The outcome of the Geneva talks, which began four years ago, will determine the rules of international trade for the next decade.

As the world's largest trading block, the *EEC attitude towards the Tokyo round* is crucial, as is that of the United States, the other major influence.

Last week in Brussels, President Carter and Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission, agreed that a "rapid and successful conclusion" to the *negotiations was essential if world trade* was to continue to expand and provide more job.

After their talks, Mr Jenkins felt able to claim that "a fair measure of agreement" existed between the EEC and the United States on the main points at issue, while admitting that substantial differences remained.

Broadly, he said, the Americans were most interested in tariff cuts and the liberalization of agricultural trade, whereas the EEC was concentrating its fire on non-tariff targets.

One of the most elusive elements in the negotiations has been agreement on a formula for reducing tariffs on industrial goods. At first, the Americans argued for a fixed percentage cut in all tariffs of about 60 per cent, while the EEC advocated a lower average of about 33 per cent, with higher tariffs being more severely pruned than lower ones.

The EEC has a fairly homogeneous tariff structure, with fewer zero tariffs than the United States, but also with fewer tariff "*peaks*". *To accept a linear reduc*tion of the kind proposed by Washington, it was objected, would strip many Community industries of protection against imports, while reducing sufficiently the higher range of American duties.

After months of difficult discussions, a compromise "working hypothesis" is now on the table in Geneva. This envisages a weighted, average tariff cut of 40 per cent, phased over eight years. It provides further for an element of tariff "harmonization", to meet EEC concerns, and would allow the final stages of tariff cuts to be postponed if economic conditions were unfavourable.

This last point has been particularly stressed by Britain, which has made clear that it could not accept an unconditional commitment to a 40 per cent tariff reduction.

France is the only EEC state still wholly opposed to a cut of this order, and it remains to be seen whether the French can be brought round next week. The Americans and Japanese accept the formula as a basis for negotiation.

Attitudes to the tariff formula will also be influenced by the other elements in the *negotiations. High on the EEC's list of* priorities is agreement on the "selective" use of the safeguard provisions of Article 19 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), under which emergency action may be taken against disruptive imports.

At present, because of non-discrimination rules, country "A" can use Article 19 to curb imports of, say, shoes from country "B" only if the same restrictions are applied to all imports of shoes irrespective of origin. The EEC says this makes Article 19 a dangerously blunt instrument, and argues that it should be possible to use it "selectively"— that is, only against the exporting country doing the damage.

Even the Germans, despite their tra*ditional free trading instincts, accept that* such a change is unavoidable. The Americans and others fear that "selectivity" would sanctify national protectionism. One of the restraints of the present system is that countries affected by action under Article 19 can exact equivalent concessions in other sectors. Obviously, this restraint would be less if only one country were affected.

Almost certainly, the price the EEC will have to pay for getting its way over Article 19 is the establishment of an international surveillance body, which would monitor abuses of "selectivity". The Americans are anxious that any such body should have real powers, while the Community is equally bent on keeping it as toothless as possible.

Another no less contentious area concerns export subsidies and countervailing duties. Here the EEC is pressing the Americans to apply fully Article VI of Gatt, which provides that a country may impose countervailing duties against subsidized exports from another only if it can show that "material injury" is being caused to its domestic industry. There is no such requirement in American law.

The United States has indicated willingness to amend national legislation, provided that the EEC is prepared to agree on a new and extended list of illegal export subsidies, including those granted to agricultural goods. This is highly sensitive ground for the Community, par*ticularly as export subsidies* are an integral part of its farm price support system.

Michael Hornsby
in Brussels

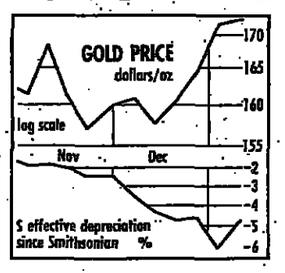
GEC subsidiary wins £5m contract for Brazilian railway signalling equipment

GEC-General Signal of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, has gained a £5m share and is taking overall design responsibility in a £13m contract for signalling equipment for a section of the main railway line between Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo in Brazil.

Placed by Rede Ferroviaria SA, the contract has gone jointly to the GEC company and Sisembrio Engenharia of Brazil.

The two companies will supply a complete *signalling* and control system for the section of the 187 mile passenger and freight line between Pombal and Pinheirinho.

This contract follows a £150m Brazilian order, placed a year *ago by Brazil Steel Railroad* with GEC Transportation Projects.



The price of gold rose $2 an ounce on the London market yesterday, reaching its best level in dollar terms since May, 1975. The closing price of $173.125 was a little below the *day's high. Some dealers* believe the price will consolidate at present levels before advancing again.

Sweden budgets for £3.200m deficit

Sweden's government yesterday proposed a budget deficit of 32,200m crowns (about £3,200m) for the 12 months beginning July 1. It said its budget shortfall for the present fiscal year will be 33,200m crowns, against the originally planned 15,700m.

It submitted to Parliament a draft budget totalling 151,600m crowns, up 21 per cent from its January 1977 draft budget.

Dearer beer sought

The Price Commission will decide at its regular meeting today whether to investigate Allied Breweries' proposed increase in beer prices, believed to amount to about 2p a pint in the pub. The company ended its talks with the Commission yesterday, and has been promised a decision by the weekend. Scottish & Newcastle, believed to have asked for much less on the pint, is still having discussions with the Commission. Courage confirmed yesterday it had prenotified a price rise, again believed to be about 2p on the pint. Vaux is expected to put through a rise

UK motor output up

United Kingdom car output during December was 114,000, after seasonal adjustments, according to provisional figures from the Department of Industry. This was 11,000 more than in November and 15,000 more than in December, 1976. Production in October to December was 4 per cent down on the previous quarter. Commercial vehicle output, seasonally adjusted, totalled 29,500, against 28,800 in November and 27,400 in December, 1976.

IBA man for Sony post

Mr Howard Steele, former director of engineering at the Independent Broadcasting Authority, is to head a new Dutch-based subsidiary of Sony, the Japanese electronics *company, which will market* and develop broadcast video equipment. Sony announced yesterday the setting up of the company, Sony Broadcast BV, which will cover the European market from a location near Amsterdam, developing and servicing various broadcasting products developed by Sony.

Northern NEB panel

The National Enterprise Board yesterday announced the membership of its new regional board set up to promote development in the north. Temporary chairman is Mr J. L. Dickinson, a part-time NEB member. The others are: Mr David Williams, Mr David Brown, Mr L. Roy Mann, Mr Arthur Myatt and Mr Gerald Connolly.

£5m boiler order

International Combustion of Derby have won a £5m plus order to supply four water tube package boilers for a petrochemical plant at Corpus Christi, Texas. It is the second multimillion pound American contract to be won by the firm in the past few weeks.

Deadline to save Tyne jobs is near

By Peter Hill

Hundreds of Tyneside shipyard workers face redundancy unless Swan Hunter outfitting *workers accept a pay award and* call off their five-month overtime ban by the end of this week.

Senior executives of British Shipbuilders yesterday considered the continued difficulties over the outfitters' dispute, which has already cost the Tyneside company three of the seven 16,500-ton deadweight bulk carriers intended for placing at the yard as part of the £115m Anglo-Polish shipbuilding deal.

British Shipbuilders has already made contingency plans for the reallocation of the remaining four, worth £52m, but has delayed a confirmation of the transfer in the hope that the *outfitting workers would decide* to accept a £5.40 a week "fair wages" award and call off their ban.

The hope was that the 1,500 workers would have decided to call off the ban last week after the Christmas holidays, but *further talks between the Swan* Hunter management and the shop stewards have failed to secure a settlement.

Inquiry plea on UCS rejected

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Creditors of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders who are still owed more than £7m after the collapse of the group nearly six years ago, have had hopes of an independent inquiry dashed.

They had asked Sir Idwal Pugh, the Ombudsman, to in*vestigate the affair, alleging* maladministration by Whitehall.

Mr Alex Fletcher, Conservative MP for Edinburgh North, formally asked the Ombudsman to investigate the case on behalf of the creditors last June. But in a letter the Ombudsman said that, after taking counsel's advice, he was unable to carry out an inquiry because independent legal experts had ruled that such an investigation fell outside the jurisdiction of the Parliamentary Commissioner.

Mr Donald Maxwell, director of the British Marine Equipment Council, many of whose members are among the UCS ordinary creditors, said last night: "This is quite appalling

A 'speed limit' exchange rate peg

From Mr Dane Clouston

Sir, In view of the various difficulties brought about by recent fluctuations in the dollar/sterling exchange rate it is surely time to introduce a more rational system of adjustment.

Such a system should combine *long-term flexibility with short*-term stability. This could be achieved if the the authorities were to stop intervening to hold the exchange rate at this or that level and start instead to regulate its rate of change.

The Bank of England would announce from time to time a maximum rate of movement of a moving peg, or parity, against the dollar. The market or actual rate would be free to move in a band up to 1 per cent either side of the peg.

A possibly novel element concerns the way in which the peg would move. It would do so each day by the same amount that is the daily equivalent of the announced maximum annual rate of movement. It would move upwards if the previous day's actual market rate was above the peg and downwards if the market rate was below the peg.

Thus the authorities would determine the maximum rate of *movement* at any time, but the direction of movement would be determined by the market.

In this way there could be not only a return to the short-term stability of the old "fixed" exchange rate system but an improvement over it. For large changes could take place over a period without the need for sudden disruptive devaluations or revaluations.

The pressures towards sudden change would no longer build up since the market could always expect a continuous gradual adjustment in the direction it required. The speed of adjustment could be increased as and when necessary and reduced again once the market rate drifted away from the m ing ceiling or floor of the ba

Moreover, there would none of the great weight short-term speculation that u to result from the "one v options" presented under "fixed" system at times crisis. For interest rate diffi encves between the currenc concerned would always can out any gains from daily mo ments of the ceiling or fl of the band. Speculation wo only be *worthwhile within* band, where it does no harm.

The fixed exchange r system failed. Now the float system is being recognized grossly inconvenient. A marl led, "speed limit" peg as h described would seem to be improvement on both.

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THE HONGKONG BANK GROUP BASE RATES

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
and
The British Bank of the Middle East

announce that their base rate for lending is being reduced,
with effect from 11th January, 1978,

To 6½% per annum from 7% per annum

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Another blow for gilts

It has not been an auspicious start to the week for the gilt market. On Monday the authorities surprised the market by announcing the issue of a new £800m long-dated stock. Yesterday the banking system's eligible liability figures for the December banking month suggested that the rate of growth in the money supply was being dragged back within the envisaged 13 per cent ceiling rather more slowly than some analysts had been expecting.

This does not mean to say that the authorities will not get back within 13 per cent growth for M3 by the end of the financial year—or at least to as close to 13 per cent as matters. But some of the more euphoric new year hopes that the Government had as good as completed this year's funding programme and could easily finish the year with sterling M3 comfortably below the 13 per cent ceiling do look to be rather premature.

The main indication that apparently needs to be drawn from the latest figures is that the central government borrowing requirement in December was probably higher than the market has been expecting. In addition, of course, it has been particularly difficult this year to estimate the difference between gross and net gilt sales by the authorities—and the last few weeks have probably seen some fairly steady buying-in of the £1.500m Treasury 9 per cent stock due for redemption in March.

The authorities are probably just about far enough ahead in the funding game at the moment not to be particularly disturbed by the latest setback to sentiment. But one has the definite impression that they are very anxious to remain ahead of the game so as to prevent any last minute upsets should the power-workers' situation become troublesome or the market move into a state of pre-Budget paralysis.

● *Letraset International took a dip during the 1974-75 recession which has had repercussions for the share rating ever since. However, this time, while other strong overseas operators are feeling the squeeze, Letraset is still steaming steadily ahead. Sales are up 13 per cent at £15.2m and, but for the firmer pound, would have been ahead by 19 per cent, of which five to six points represents volume growth, much in line with the now established pattern. Profits, meanwhile, are 18 per cent higher at £3.4m, so margins are still expanding.*

Letraset's difficulty remains what to do with its growing cash mountain. In 1976-77 cash flow totalled £5m compared to capital expenditure of less than £1m, and net cash grew from £1.1m to £2.9m against net worth of £10m. The group has not concealed its desire to make acquisitions even though its impressive return on capital—just over 50 per cent—will be diluted. Like Racal, which structurally has a number of points in parallel, Letraset has begun to invest some of its cash in modest equity holdings which might provide a platform for a bid later, and it is looking for businesses which could complement its own—that is to say, strong on assets and perhaps cash hungry.

With interest rates tumbling the case for a bid earlier rather than later is strong, although the modest prospective p/e ratio of between five and six with the shares at 107p may be a restraining factor. The dividend, however, will be eight or nine times covered, so there is plenty of scope for improvement on a yield of 4.4 per cent prospectively.

Company reports

Ideas from GEC

Having proposed that companies should reveal much more information than they do at present, the Department of Trade has indicated it is aware of the danger of losing comprehensibility in favour of comprehensiveness. It has therefore asked for views on whether, as a matter of routine, shareholders and employees ought actually to be told less, not more. GEC, which has 170,000 shareholders and 160,000 employees, has now responded with a categorical "yes".

Not only does GEC's submission reject many of the suggestions for new information put forward by the DoT (disaggregation, statement of future prospects, social accounting and energy usage) and question the value of others (employment statement, added value statement, research and development expenditure and source and application of funds statement). It also argues that shareholders are already being told more than most of them want.

First, says GEC, it is wrong to tell shareholders more than employees on the view—which GEC rejects—that the former are financially sophisticated while the latter are simpletons. Much better that they should both receive the same popular edition of the report and accounts, containing a profit and loss account, a balance sheet with summarised notes and an abridged directors' report covering relevant matters. This would cover all that interested most shareholders and employees, and those, such as creditors and stock market analysts, who wanted more information, would be able to have it on request.

GEC's attitude may seem retrograde in the present climate. The accountants, for instance, are broadly sympathetic to the DoT's request for more information, and while others have echoed GEC's doubts about the relevance of some of the detailed proposals, neither The Stock Exchange nor the CBI have gone so far as to question whether the present information flows are excessive.

GEC is not entirely alone, however. The London Chamber of Commerce, for instance, has at least gone so far as to say that any additional information required by the DoT should only be available on request. The Stock Exchange, meanwhile, will air its thoughts on this issue today, and is likely to focus chiefly on whether accountability under company law to anyone other than shareholders and creditors is proper.

Accounting standards

Rulemaking under review

The major review of the way the Accounting Standards Committee, the rulemaking body of the profession, conducts its affairs, which is being led by Mr Tom Watts, a senior partner of Price Waterhouse, before he takes up his new appointment as chairman in March in succession to Sir William Slimmings of Thomson McLintock, is likely to prove a significant milestone in the development of accountancy.

Accounting Standards are central to the whole debate on self-regulation of the profession and to the progresion of Company Law, which increasingly is being determined by directives from the EEC. As the leading authority on EEC regulations, Mr Watts is well qualified to carry out his new task.

EEC regulations are leading the Department of Trade to look at tiered disclosure requirements for different size categories of companies, and a possible lifting of the requirement for a full audit for small companies.

Further EEC rules will require auditors of major companies to have both specified qualifications and experience leading towards a natural split within the profession to those firms involved in large and small audits.

While these developments lie ahead, auditors have come under criticism in Department of Trade inspectors' reports and accounting standards themselves have been attacked either as being too strict or, alternatively being too closely defined and thus not truly applicable to all companies. A standard on deferred tax has had to be re-written; an early exposure draft on mergers has never seen the light of day as a standard, and seven such a relatively simple matter as accounting for stocks and work-in-progress has brought howls of protest.

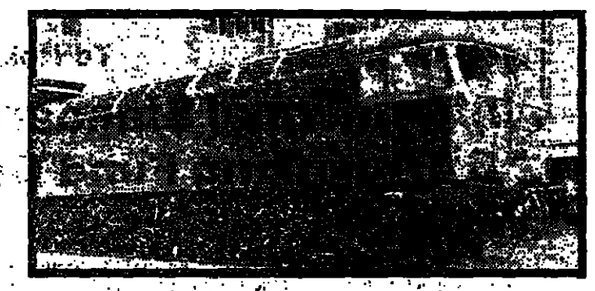
The ASC on the one hand is attacked for not acting quickly enough in bringing out standards and on the other for not taking adequate consultation.

It is eight years since the ASC was formed. It must now seize the chance to reassert its authority as a body which can produce standards on which industry and commerce can base its accounts with an obligation to comply which cannot be backed by any legal or quasi-legal authority. In carrying out its task the review group will look at whom the standards should be aimed without over complicating the life of the small accountancy and firm.

It will look at the possibility of widening the membership of ASC to users of accounts outside the accountancy profession and is likely to rap up its comments in a discussion paper, which will get the widest possible circulation.

How many men in the train driver's cab?

Richard Hope discusses attempts by the locomotive engineers' union to get the fireman back on the footplate



A Class 56 freight locomotive leaving the works in 1976. Aslef demanded that these engines should have a "fireman".

"Continuing improvements in productivity are vital to the future of the railways", Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, declared in a White Paper last November. "Concern about manning practices on British Rail" was "widely shared", he said.

Laudable sentiments, but hardly consistent with his confidential letter to Mr Peter Parker, British Rail's chairman, a few days later asking him not to oppose a blatant attempt by the locomotive men's union Aslef (the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen) to put firemen back on freight trains.

Coming at a time when there were real hopes of a landmark productivity deal to lift railmen above the 10 per cent pay limit, Mr Rodgers's *volte-face* has demoralized British Rail's negotiators and cast to the winds any idea that the Government would back them if it came to a showdown on overmanning.

Given working hours and conditions akin to EEC rules which the Government has been refusing to apply to lorry drivers because they are too restrictive, British Rail could get by with about 12,000 drivers and no firemen. At present there are 20,000 drivers plus 6,000 firemen. As a viable union, Aslef has it back to the wall. Yet productivity gains among train crews are crucial for three reasons:

1. They total 40,000, almost a quarter of all railwaymen;
2. Less restrictive rules on train manning have a direct impact on the cost of commercially-attractive freight services, and actually improve rolling stock utilization;
3. A lot of jobs can be eliminated for little investment by just rewriting the rule book.

Firemen were eliminated from many trains under so called single-manning agreements reached in the 1960s, which reduced the minimum crew from three to two, driver and guard. In the 1970s Aslef has been quietly trying to regain lost ground.

First came the Port Talbot to Llanwern iron ore trains, which happened to be the first on British Rail hauled by three locomotives. The surplus of footplatemen is chronic in South Wales; because several big contracts with British Steel Corporation were at risk, Western Region gave in to a local demand that a second driver should be carried although there was nothing for him to do.

Next came the High Speed Train saga, with the prototype blacked for a year until management redesigned the cab so that two drivers could sit side by side.

Then the Class 56 standard freight loco was introduced in 1976. The first batch was ordered during the 1974 oil crisis for the specific purpose of hauling extra coal to power stations, so they gravitated to the South Yorkshire and East Midlands coalfields.

Purely as a try-on (again locally-inspired in an area with too many drivers) Aslef officials demanded that a fireman be rostered for all Class 56 turns on the spurious grounds that these locos were 10 per cent more powerful than the older Class 55, and did not exist when the 1965 manning agreement was signed.

Throughout last year British Rail refused to concede, but avoided confrontation by not instructing drivers to take a Class 56 out without a fireman. By October, when a confrontation with Aslef was accepted as inevitable, the power stations were crippled by a work-to-rule and it looked as though a miners' strike was not far away. Even if Aslef chose not to call a national strike, the power stations would be hit first.

So the Government turned and ran. Why risk the power stations a third time for the sake of carrying firemen on a few dozen freight trains? Pushed by his Cabinet colleagues, Mr Rodgers told Mr Parker to give in to Aslef's demands and be quick about it.

It may still be possible to resist the now inevitable pressure for a driver, fireman and guard on all freight trains. But the chances of getting agreement to one-man crews this winter—crucial if British Rail is to compete effectively with lorries for merchandise freight—have been dealt a severe blow.

In fairness to Mr Rodgers, he has been at some pains to set the scene for a productivity breakthrough on the railways. Last June, and again in November, his White Papers promised stable investment, continued revenue support and no widespread closures. Specifically to keep the rail unions sweet he is now giving Freightliners back to British Rail.

Maybe he has been misled by the useful cut of 11,000 staff which British Rail has achieved in the past two years into believing that this rate of decline can continue of its own volition so as to meet the board's own target of 40,000 fewer railwaymen by 1981. Not so. Here is what Mr Clifford Rose, British Rail board member for personnel, had to say on October 17:

"But how real is that recent improvement in productivity? Is it, in reality, any more than the result of a determined good housekeeping exercise and reaping the benefits of investment in modern equipment? Have we really changed in a fundamental way any of our principal methods of working?

"Certainly, our pay and efficiency exercises in the late sixties produced excellent results and reflected great credit upon unions and management; but surely the answer to my basic question must be no—we have not really got to grips with productivity."

It has long been obvious that the crucial battle for higher productivity — Mr Parker's "rock on which our future must be built"—will be won or lost on the trains themselves. And Aslef cannot, in fact, bring the power stations or London to a halt without support from other unions.

In no way are the other two rail unions, the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport and Salaried Staffs' Association, going to agree to change the rules so as to reduce their membership unless Aslef shares the burden.

Yet it is hard to see why Aslef, which still regards itself as a craft union, should acquiesce in a halving of its numerical strength, which would threaten its viability—especially if its leaders are convinced that beer and sandwiches will be waiting at No 10 Downing Street before the first commuter has failed to reach Cannon Street.

The Secretary of State's untimely intervention makes it more difficult but at the same time more urgent than ever that the British Railways Board gets to grips with hidden redundancy on the footplate. Not that Mr Rodgers will fail to complain bitterly of mismanagement if the railways exceed his financial targets for 1978 through overstaffing or industrial action.

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Cut and counter-cut in the grocery price struggle

Sainsbury's discount campaign cannot help but escalate the price war already being fought between the big multiple supermarkets. There are already signs that the effects will spread by chain reaction well beyond the areas served by the company's 185 supermarket branches.

Discounting on a serious scale started in the grocery trade as far back as 1976. After a year when overall sales by volume dipped by 5 per cent the big multiples also started to meet competition from small specialist discount operators.

At the same time, it became clear that counter-measures in the form of the big out-of-town stores equipped with car parking, the "text book" successors to the supermarket, would be slower to grow than had been hoped.

These three elements—the reduction in overall volume sales, fierce competition from specialist discounters and hindrance in "superstore" building programmes mainly from local authority planners but also in some instances because of shortage of capital—came together last year. Tesco, which apart from the Co-ops is the biggest of the food retailers and whose clientele is among the most price conscious, was the first to feel the effects.

Tesco started examining alternatives to its long-standing trading stamp policy as early s last January. Green Shield stamps cost the group £15m in 1976 and this was expected to rise in 1977 to between £17m and £17.5m.

The company's executives believed that newer and more drastic measures were needed to arrest the slide in market share and that the sums spent on trading stamps could be better used. Accordingly, the Green Shield contract was allowd to expire in June and was replaced by direct cash discounts of between 6 per cent and 15 per cent on a range of more than a hundred items.

The effect on volume sales was immediate and more than even Tesco had hoped. Figures produced by the Auuitst of Great Britain market research company show a jump in market share from 7.9 per cent in May to 11.6 per cent in December.

Rival supermarket groups, which were at first sceptical, at least in public, about Tesco's new prices, gradually began to react. International, which is part of the BAT Industries group, weighed in with a range of revamped, keenly priced private label products under the Plain and Simple brand name.

This group also supported, along with the smaller Bristol-based Gateway chain, Budgen, and seven other regional groups, a radical Green Shield "discount plan" launched in November. All the evidence is that by doing so it has managed to maintain its 3 to 4 per cent of sales intact.

Fine Fare, the Associated British Foods group, which had already ben experimenting with discounting, accelerated its programme to convert smaller supermarkets into specialist discount outlets. Operated under the "Shoppers Paradise" name these stores carry a limited range of only about 400 products, instead of the more typical 4,000 and, by using highly trained but fewer staff, can offer deeply cut prices. Fine Fare says that returns have been entirely satisfactory and the chain has been expanded over about eighteen months from seven to nearer a hundred, while new sites are being sought for more. This group, too, has maintained its market share.

Even the Co-op, which if only because of its size is in a separate category from the rest, became much more price conscious. Having taken the lead with tea in forcing prices down generally, it introduced a bigger range of promotional cuts and managed to recover a dip in sales share by the autumn.

Grocery chain market shares

Chain (parent group)	% share of grocery sales
Co-op	18-20*
Tesco	11.6
Sainsbury	8.1
Asda (Associated Dairies)	6-7*
Allied Suppliers (Cavenham)	4-5*
Fine Fare (Associated British Foods)	4.1
International (BAT Industries)	3-4*

*Trade estimates

Given the level of pressure from its rivals and in an intensely competitive marketing environment, it is not surprising that Sainsbury felt that drastic acton was required. The company maintains taat extra sales of vegetables, meat and other fresh foods (an area in which it is particularly strong)had counterbalanced losses in packaged and tinned sales.

It also believes that recent improvements in its stores' method of handling goods and staff training are sufficient to enable it to carry extra volume without proportionately heavier overhead costs.

Innovations include a computerized ordering system which reduces stock and warehousing costs and enables goods to be replaced in branches within 24 hours of ordering. Improvements have also been made at check-outs, speeding the flow of customers who can be served.

The company has embarked, too, on a £70m rebuilding programme which will increase the average size of its stores—regarded as a key factor in grocery retail management.

The question is wheteer these will be sufficient to justify the drastic reduction in profit margin. On the 150 items in the discount scheme margins have been cut to between 5 and 6 per cent, against an industry aver of 16 to 20 per cent.

Tesco's experience, as shown in the trading results in the 24 weeks up to August 11 (10 of which were without stamps), is that although turnover rose by 27 per cent profits remained static.

The equation is at any rate easier for Sinsbury than it was for Tesco, since it is embarking on discounts six further further along a downwird inflation curve. But, unlike Tesco, Sinsbury does not have a substantial trade in clothing and other durables to cushion any profit losses on the food side.

There is little doubt, given Tesco's experience, that tse discounts will enable the modest 10 per cent increase in volume aimed for by Sinsbury to be met. The imponderable facing other grocers is where the increase will come from.

One of the remarkable aspects of the Tesco gain is that so far there have been no clear losers among the grocery trade. Some of the extra wales appear to come from other retailers, such as Woolworth and department stores, which throughout the 1960s and early 1970s had been opening new food halls.

Small independent grocers, not attached to any of the voluntary wholesale chains, lost some trade but at no greater rate than before the price war started.

However, Sainsbury's move will undoubtedly put more pressure on weaker traders, and could lead to more concentration at wholesale, if not retail, level among the smaller groups. An indication of the way things could go is the closure announced by Fitch Lovel at the weekend of 38 of its David Greig branches, which were of uneconomic size.

Patricia Tisdall

Business Diary: Dana's quotation mark • Reid's law

Rex McPherson, chairman of the big United States vehicle components group Dana Corporation, was in London yesterday to talk about Dana's growing interest in Britain.

The corporation, based in Toledo, Ohio, has a "quote" on the London Stock Exchange from today, its first listing outside New York.

Secondly, McPherson told Business Diary, the administration of Dana Europe is to be reorganized and moved from Paris to London.

Thirdly, the corporation is to double its $49m investment in Europe by 1983, much of the new spending being earmarked for joint production schemes—again, very likely in Britain. Dana has so far specialized in taking minority stakes, pumping in know-how rather than cash.

The corporation has a majority stake in Brown Brothers, the Swindon-based parts distributors, and a minority stake in a Wolverhampton transmissions and component maker, Turner Manufacturing—with which Dana might go into joint production.

McPherson said that the London quotation was seen for the moment more as image building than cash raising. "We've roughly $50m in cash so we are not planning any big stock offering", he said. "But we might need to raise cash any in five or 10 years."

Dana Europe is to be run by Art Martin, a vice-president and controller of the corporation. Hitherto, the heads of Dana subsidiaries had to report to divisional heads back in Toledo.

■ Malcolm Reid, a 50-year-old Department of Industry undersecretary is switching to the Department of Trade to become Whitehall's top insurance industry watchdog.

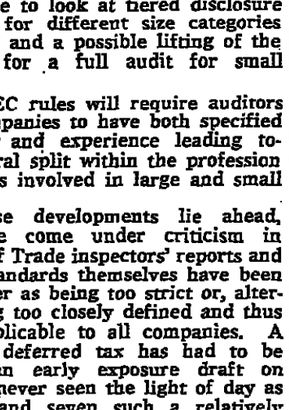
His main job will be to keep tabs on the solvency ratios of all British companies. Collapses on the scale of Vehicle & General and Nation Life are already fading into history so he won't be going in at the deep end.

However, policing the industry will still be arduous, if only because of all the harmonization with EEC legislation for the protection of policyholders that has to be done.

Reid's predecessor, Michael Morris, 53, who is to take charge of the Department of Industry's Industrial Planning Division, also leaves behind a welter of new domestic law introduced after the big insurance failures of a few years back.

These include the Insurance Companies Acts of 1973 and 1974, the Policyholders Protection Act 1975 and the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act introduced only last year.

In 1976—the last full year for which figures are available—the department used its powers to intervene in companies' affairs 95 times, twice as often as in 1975.



FMA's Pearl Jukes in London yesterday: pastures new in WC2.

■ Pearl Jukes takes farmers a little more into mainstream industrial management when she moves offices shortly. She is the secretary and sole full-time employee of the Farm Management Association, which, it was announced yesterday, is to be taken over by the British Institute of Management.

For Miss Jukes this means acquaintance at first-hand with the problem that faces every farm manager when the time comes to change jobs—that of having to change homes as well.

The FMA is to move from its present offices, a grace-and-favour nook in the Midland Bank pavilion at the National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, and into the BIM's headquarters in supremely unrural Holborn, London. Miss Jukes is therefore having to look for a house nearer to London than her present home at Coventry.

She began work on a poultry farm, becoming a secretary later.

Peter Innes, FMA chairman, said yesterday that the association could no longer manage without a professional director but could not afford to hire one. Membership—which includes farmers and agricultural academics as well as managers—was now at 1,300 (about a dozen of them women) but should have been nearer 5,000.

● The tiresome road journey which can take up to two hours between the two main London airports at Heathrow and Gatwick will be a thing of the past by early summer for businessmen in a hurry and with company money to spare.

If this month's board meeting agrees, the British Airports Authority is to buy a helicopter (for something over £1m) and will shuttle it between the two airports every hour. Time taken? 15 minutes. The fare will probably be between £12 and £15.

Both British Airways and British Caledonian, normally at commercial loggerheads, will play a part in a 12-month trial service. If successful, this will continue until 1982, when the opening of the M25 motorway will reduce the road journey between Heathrow and Gatwick to 35 minutes or so.

And while we are talking about airport links, people at Heathrow are asking why, having reached the airport with its Underground line, London Transport does not go on tunnelling until it gets to New York.

● It will be interesting to see how Yorkshire Bank develops under its new chief general manager, Graham Sunderland. He is not as convinced as his chairman, John Glyn, of the wisdom of emulating Barclays Bank and starting a small firms' advisory service.

Sunderland thinks that the specialist staff the service would require will prove a burden on Yorkshire Bank's 190 branches. He would prefer to train his managers to sort out corporate customers' problems.

The Trustee Savings Bank, Sunderland thinks, will be the Yorkshire's biggest competitor in personal banking as time goes on. He says that the TSB has yet to exploit to the full its new opportunities, but is working on it.

Last August the TSB, an offshoot of the National Savings movement, was empowered by the Government to make personal loans. The bigger banks are diversifying away from the personal banking business, but the Yorkshire—owned by a consortium of the NatWest, Lloyds, Barclays and Williams & Glyn's—is still keen to operate in this market.

Monsignor Ralph Brown, the Vicar-General of the Westminster Archdiocese, was perhaps overcome with the novelty of the occasion when this week the accounts of the archdiocese were made public for the first time. "This is the first," he said, "only in the sense that we have not done it before."

Redfearn National Glass

'The glass container has an excellent future'

The following is an extract from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. Stanley Race.

Capital Expenditure: Redfearn has invested £12 million on capital expenditure over the past three years and plans to spend a further £8 million in 1978. The major reconstruction of one of the Barnsley furnaces is now complete. This furnace is certainly the largest designed for melting green glass in the U.K. The construction of the first phase of the batch mixing plant at Barnsley is nearing completion. It will be commissioned in early 1978.

Finance: The major part of the capital expenditure programme of recent years has been financed from internally generated funds and a large part of our future requirements will continue to be derived from this source.

Monopolies Commission: The partial bid for your company by Rheem and the subsequent investigations by the Monopolies Commission have placed a considerable additional load on our management and staff. We are united in our view that an independent future for Redfearn National Glass is best for shareholders, customers and employees alike.

The future: We remain convinced that the glass container has an excellent future and must represent better value for money than other forms of packaging.

I intend to retire as Chairman at the Annual General Meeting. My successor will be Mr. J. L. C. Pratt, Deputy Chairman for the last 10 years, who will combine the Chairmanship with his present responsibilities as Managing Director. His experience well qualifies him to lead your company into what I consider will be a new era of long-term growth.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary.

REDFEARN NATIONAL GLASS LTD., FISHERGATE, YORK, YO1 4AD.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To Holders of

International Standard Electric Corporation 8¼% Sinking Fund Debentures, Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 3.02 of the Indenture dated as of February 1, 1971 between International Standard Electric Corporation and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Trustee, (the "Indenture"), $4,500,000 principal amount of International Standard Electric Corporation 8¼% Sinking Fund Debentures due 1986 (the "Debentures") have been called for redemption on February 1, 1978 (the "Redemption Date") through the operation of the Sinking Fund at 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8¼% per annum to the Redemption Date. Pursuant to section 3.03 of the Indenture, the Trustee has selected for redemption on February 1, 1978 the following Debentures, to wit:

$1,000 COUPON DEBENTURES, EACH BEARING THE PREFIX LETTER "M"

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600	1528	2395	3457	4424	5395	6250	7021	7864	8834	9752	10778	11723	12627	13567	14511	15435	16395	17333	18264	19273	20288	21249	22152	23105	24046	24987
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614	1539	2406	3478	4454	5401	6270	7028	7876	8857	9882	10793	11733	12640	13588	14518	15445	16407	17350	18279	19288	20302	21265	22171	23120	24074	24996
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On February 1, 1978 the Debentures designated above will become due and payable and are required to be presented and surrendered for redemption and payment on or after said date at any of the following places of payment:

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Milan, Italy

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Brussels, Belgium

Banque Generale du Luxembourg
S.A., Luxembourg

Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft
Frankfurt/Main
Federal Republic of Germany

Bank of America National Trust
and Savings Association,
London, England

Banque Nationale de Paris S.A.
Paris, France

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International Standard Electric Corporation
by Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Trustee

Dated December 30, 1977

British put least into private investment

Personal spending near two-thirds of national income

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In previous articles we have analysed how the incomes of Europa countries are earned and how they are divided between people, companies and government. This month we examine how these incomes are spent.

The table below shows that the personal sector spends the bulk of the money on consumption. (The personal sector includes both people and private non-profit institutions, but the latter are so small by comparison with the former that they can be ignored). The proportion of national income spent by the personal sector has grown in all four countries since 1970.

The heaviest part of the burden of the increase in oil prices and the subsequent recession has been borne by destocking and a squeeze on capital expenditure by companies rather than by people or government; borrowing from other countries has also played a role in the United Kingdom.

German are the most frugal of the inhabitants of the four countries. They spend only 60 per cent of income on consumption against 63 per cent in France and 67 per cent in Italy. The percentage shown for the United Kingdom is an understatement because the British treat their Health Service as an item of government expenditure rather than of personal consumption.

If this cost is reallocated to match the other countries then the personal sector percentage would work out as high as the Italian one. These figures may, however, reflect poverty rather than profligacy, since in monetary terms expenditure per capita in these two countries is still lower than in France or Germany.

More detailed analysis of personal consumption expenditure is complicated by differences in the definitions used by the countries. Food and housing are the two major components of expenditure. These are followed by transport and communication, medical care and health, household goods and services, and clothing and footwear.

Each of these takes roughly 10 per cent of total private consumption. The remainder goes to leisure, drink and tobacco and miscellaneous items. Together these last take about one fifth of all personal expenditure on the Continent but nearly one third in the United Kingdom. This higher proportion is partly the result of higher duties on drink and tobacco and partly due to [...] ferences in the treatmen[...] certain elements such as r[...] costs.

Expenditure on recreat[...] goods and services is, how[...] higher than one would e[...] for discretionary items [...] country with comparatively [...] *per capita* income.

Food takes one thir[...] Italian private consum[...] against one fifth or less i[...] other three countries. [...] might have expected Brita[...] have spent a heavier perce[...] on food, but low prices [...] enabled the British to spe[...] smaller proportion than [...] French, though slightly [...] than the Germans.

Housing—rent, rates, power and water—account[...] one seventh of consumpti[...] the three continental coun[...] but one fifth in the United [...]dom. In this country, how[...] over a quarter of the tot[...] represented by the rent [...] puted to owner occupiers.

The pattern of expend[...] on transport and commu[...]tion, and clothing and foo[...] is fairly even across the [...]tries. On health the Ger[...] spent the most—13 per [...] against 11 per cent in Fr[...] and 9 per cent in Italy. [...]parable figures for Britai[...] not available.

Many household goods [...] services are not necessitie[...] a result Germany and Fr[...] the two higher-income [...]tries, are able to devote [...] 10 per cent of consumpti[...] this category against 6 [...] per cent in Italy and the U[...] Kingdom.

The ratio of personal t[...]porate capital expend[...] reflects the strength of [...] employment. Consequently [...] higher in France and Italy [...] it is in Britain.

In total, private invest[...] accounts for 15 to 20 per [...] of national income. The pe[...]age is slightly higher in F[...] than in Germany, even th[...] capital consumption in the [...] country is greater. Britain [...] a lower percentage for p[...] investment in 1975 even [...] Italy.

The table shows that go[...]ment in Britain spent a h[...] percentage of national in[...] on consumption than it d[...] the continental countries.

James Roth[...]

THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURE

Percentage of income (1) spent by:	Germany	France	U.K.
Personal sector on consumption	60	63	62
Personal sector on invesetment		9	3
	19		
Companies and financial institutions on fixed capital (2)		11	12
institutions on stocks	n	−1	−1
General government on consumption	14	15	22
General government on investment	4	4	5

Source: National Accounts Detailed Tables 1970-75, Statistical Office [...] European Communities.
U.K. figures updated from Central Statistical Office data.
German figures are for 1974, remainder for 1975
n.b. Percentages do not add to 100 per cent because of lending or bo[...] overseas and rounding.
n=less than 0.5 per cent
(1) Gross disposable income i.e. G.D.P. at market prices plus or minu[...] balance with the rest of the world
(2) Including land

Business appointments

New head of insurance division at the DoT

Mr Malcolm Reid is to succeed Mr Michael Morris as head of the **Department of Trade's** insurance division. Mr Morris has been made head of the Department of Industry's industrial planning division.

Mr Peter Gardner will become principal of the **BAT Group** management centre from May 1 and will then give up the chairmanship of Wiggins Teape. He will continue as deputy chairman and as a director of Wiggins Teape (Belgium).

The following board appointments have been made within the **M & G Group**: **M & G Securities**: Mr S. G. Ayre, Mr H. J. Haden, Mr R. A. Jennings; **M & G Investment Management**: Mr J. A. Cornes; **M & G Administrative Services**: Mr P. T. Herbert.

Mr Roger Culpin has been appointed a director of **Barclays Merchant Bank**.

Mr A. M. B. Large is elected a managing director of **Orion I[...]**

Mr Peter Cope has been n[...] chairman of **Linotype UK**.

Mr A. Ferguson has appointed group managing dir[...] of **J. B. Holdings**.

Mr W. G. Cochrane has made a director of **Edinb[...] Investment Trust**.

Mr David Cobb has been ap[...]ted managing director of **Business Press (Sales and D[...]bution)**. Mr Alf Raven and David Montgomery join the b[...]

Mr Terry Raikes has been [...] works director on the boar[...] **Dolphin Press**.

Mr R. A. Field becomes a d[...]tor of **Australian Agricultural** [...] D. A. Jamieson retires.

Mr Maurice Constant has appointed senior manager of [...] first London branch of **Ba[...] Canadienne Nationale**. He re[...] recently as a general manage[...] **Grindlays Bank**.

ANZ BANK

Base rate

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited announces that on and after

11th January 1978

its base rate will be

6½% per annum

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Firemen take toll of equities: foods collapse

An unfavourable background of industrial news dominated the equity market which, at 7,130 marks, had its busiest day since mid-October. A particular point of concern was the decision of London firemen to reject the Government's pay offer and this brought an initial mark-down of prices from which most industrial sections did not recover.

With continuing concern over the impact of a strong pound on the major exporters the FT Index was down six points by lunchtime and closed 7.2 off at 484.5 as light selling persisted in afternoon trading. More particularly Sainsbury's decision to enter what many dealers see as a High Steer price-cutting "war" badly hit food retailers and many related issues.

At 118p, animal feed and flavourings group, Pauls & Whites has risen 16p in six days' trading. Speculative support centres on the near-29 per cent stake held by Wood Hall Trust which, it is thought, would be happy to find a buyer. Lonrho is talked of as a potential home for the shares.

In the gilt-edged market, which remained unsettled by the previous day's new long tap" longer maturities opened firmer but quickly ran out of steam to close with falls of between half-a-point and five-eighths. Late in the day a fresh unsettling factor was the rearest banking figures which purred an immediate quarter point mark-down.

The initial reaction was that they indicated a disquieting rise in the money supply but further discussion led dealers to a more optimistic view and prices were restored to their 3.30 pm levels.

After a steady start "shorts" quickly fell half-a-point and then rallied as small buyers appeared. They also fell back on the banking figures and closed with losses which, in places, stretched to half-a-point.

News of Sainsbury's "Discount 78" operation caused price cuts of up to 20p in the supermarkets sector as investors voted with their feet on the prospects of another High Street battle.

The margins of many group are well down following the Tesco salvo of last summer and another round of cuts, with little additional volume, could see profits hit badly.

The share price of some foods groups has been rallying since the low point of October but dealers are beginning to fear a return to these levels. Sainsbury, a thin market yesterday, lost 13p to 190p while Kwiksave was down 17p to 215p and Hillards 15p worse at 235p. Tesco at 44p, Bejam at 68p and J. Bibby at 212p all lost a few pence but the biggest mover in the sector was Leeds-based Associated Dairies which was one of the days active stocks and finished 20p down at 250p.

Bucking the trend through speculative interest was Joseph Stocks which put on 10p to 180p.

The downward trend continued through to the food manufacturers which are likely to be put under considerable pressure to give the retailers greater discounts.

Tate & Lyle, one of the constituents of the *FT* 30-share index, lost 4p to 212p while Fitch Lovell dropped 6p to 61p. Cadbury Schweppes at 551p, Brooke Bond Liebig at 48½p, J. Lyon at 105p and RHM at 47½p all eased a few pence.

In this section Reckitt & Colman down 9p to 433p recorded the largest fall.

Rumours abound that Atlantic Richfield, the United States natural resources company, has built up a stake of 250,000 shares in Consolidated Gold Fields recently. Cons Gold were up 8p at 190p yesterday, partly on the gold price, but also spurred by the various reasons advanced for ARCO's supposed interest. But late last night Mr Robert O. Anderson, ARCO's chairman, firmly denied having bought any Cons Gold shares.

Cuts of 10p left GUS 'A' at 300p, British Home Stores at 217p and Mothercare at 186p while Boots slipped 7p to 222p, Marks & Spencer 5p to 153p, and Debenhams 3p to 106p.

Once again the big industrial shares tended to drift through lack of support in spite of a half-hearted attempt at a rally in mid morning. Worst hit were Pilkington, which lost 7p to 437p, Glaxo, down by 5p to 603p and BAT Industries where the drop was 5p to 280p. More typical were ICI, off 2p to 345p and Unilever which closed at 534p, also off 2p. In the engineering sector news that Vickers' warning against compensation speculation lowered the shares 10p to 186p and Davy International reacted to adverse comment reported here. The annual report of Serck, which includes a word of caution on profits, had the shares 3½p down to 92p while the majors all lost a couple of pence with GKN at 268p, Hawker 196p and Tube Investments 390p.

Over in buildings SGB responded to profits above most market expectations with a rise of 3p to 154p but the currently strong Barratt Development, which in addition to interest rate considerations is also attractive on yield grounds, reacted 3p to 125p.

The weakness of Wall Street had both BP 6p to 832p and Shell 5p to 518p losing ground while in the mining sector De Beers slipped 9p to 291p in spite of news of last year's record sales. In a generally firm market for gold shares the best features were to be found in Vaal Reefs which rose 25p to £11.37 and Western Holdings which added a similar amount to £14.50.

In spite of the Price Commission ruling on Barclays charges the clearing banks gave ground. Barclays itself lost 7p to 338p, Lloyds 7p to 288p, National Westminster 8p to 287p and Midland 8p to 387p.

The current uncertainty of the gilt market also left its mark on the discount houses where Union dipped 20p to 450p, Gillett Brothers 6p to 247p and Alexanders 5p to 275p.

Speculative interest in Barker & Dobson has pushed the former penny stock up by around 10p to 14p over the past six months. Although there has been a lot of trade lately some dealers are beginning to fear that, as bid hopes fade, the shares may be valued too highly on prospective earnings.

Property shares succumbed to the general trend and reacted from the strength of recent days which has stemmed from interest rate hopes. Hard hit were Stock Conversion, which list 6p to 260p, MEPC, down 4p to 129p and Bernard Sunley which lost 4p to 210p. Uncertainty in the insurance sector hit Royal to the tune of 10p to 410p, while light selling also took its toll of Commercial Union off 5p to 150p, Eagle Star 4p to 159p and broker C. E. Heath which ended five points off at 255p.

Equity turnover on January 9 was £66.18m (17,916 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Grand Metropolitan, Rank, Vickers, BAT Defd, ICI, Ladbroke, GKN, Tesco, Shell, P & O, Associated Dairies, Courtaulds, GUS "A", Lonrho, BP and Burmah Oil.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin						
Astra Ind (I)	4.0(4.8)	0.41(0.26)	1.57(1.55)	0.36(0.32)	17/3	—(1.0)
D. F. Bevan (I)	3.5(3.2)	0.07(0.06)	0.78(0.87)	Nil(—)	—	—(1.21)
Brit Benzol (I)	7.8(6.7)	0.25(0.55)	—(—)	Nil(0.33)	—	—(1.)
Butterfld-Hrvey (I)	22.9(19.9	1.1(0.88)	—(—)	1.12(1.0)	21/2	—(2.1)
Inv Cap Tst (F)	3.2(2.6)	1.12(0.76)	1.81(1.24)	1.05(—)	16/3	1.65(1.20)
Letraset Int (I)	15.2(13.4)	3.3(2.8)	7.30(5.84)	0.89(0.81)	24/2	—(2.8)
Norfolk Capitl (F)	—(—)	0.46(0.10)	2.02(0.43)	0.4(0.2)	—	0.6(0.2)
Reabrook Inv (I)	—(—)	0.04(0.01)	1.11(0.46)	0.56(—)	—	—(—)
Resrdn Smith (I)	12.7(13.7)	2.8a(0.79)	16a(5.0)	Nil(1.25)	—	—(2.5)
Stchl. & Stchl (F)	42.6(35.2)	1.2(0.97)	(12.8)	2.13(—)	—	4.13(3.70)
Schl Amer Tst (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	1.98(—)	31/1	—(—)
Sec Gt Nthn (I)	—(—)	0.29(0.23)	1.90(1.74)	0.7(0.6)	14/1	—(1.7)
SGB Group (F)	80.0(63.0)	8.2(5.7)	19.9(12.3)	2.75(2.5)	11/4	5.2(4.7)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gress multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a loss.

Consolidated Gold trio in strong final 1977 quarter

By Desmond Quigley

Working profits from gold at the three premier gold mines in the Consolidated Gold Fields Group—West Driefontein, East Driefontein and Kloof—advanced strongly in the December quarter compared with the previous three months on the back of the higher gold price.

All three mines received an average in excess of $170 an ounce. Although that is considerably higher than the average market bullion price for the period, fluctuations do occur in the quarter-by-quarter revenue

Gold working profits (Rand m)	Dec qtr	Sept qtr
E Dries	46.4	40.8
W Dries	50.0	37.2
Kloof	9.94	7.54
Doorns	5.64	2.33
Libanon	7.85	5.23
Venters	0.16*	0.102
Vlak	0.039	0.026

* = Loss.

However, all three mines report a reduced milling rate, which to some extent was offset by higher grades, although Kloof remained static at 12.5 grams per ton. East Driefontein, although it suffered a major fire, is likely to prove something of a disappointment because of the sharp drop in gold produced despite a rise in the grade from 23.8 to 24.7, the milling rate fell from 597,000 to 530,000 tons, Kloof's gold output also fell compared with the September quarter.

All three mines suffered fires during the quarter with E Dries, at R3.7m, claiming the most in insurance against loss of profits. received.

Of the four more marginal mines, Veterspost, Libanon and Vlakfontein dropped their grades which would seem to indicate a degree of bullishness for the course of the bullion price. Doornfontein increased its grade but held the milling rate steady and substantially more than doubled working profits.

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ASSETS

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	$107,125,359
U.S. Government Securities, Direct and Guaranteed	70,502,586
State, Municipal and Other Public Securities	71,480,342
Federal Funds Sold	72,500,000
Loans and Discounts	171,117,448
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	17,639,660
Other Assets	21,867,065
	$532,232,460

LIABILITIES

Deposits	$452,657,173
Federal Funds Purchased	22,600,000
Acceptances, Less Amount in Portfolio	18,570,050
Other Liabilities	5,179,953
Capital $14,000,000	
Surplus 19,225,284	33,225,284
	$532,232,460

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The Scheduled Territories at present comprise the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, the Republic of Ireland and Gibraltar.

Butterfield more than fulfils hopes

By Our Financial Staff

In line with the optimism in the past annual report, the Butterfield-Harvey engineering, processing and factoring group achieved record figures in the first six months and peak results for the full year are likely.

On sales 15 per cent up at £22.96m in the half-year to September 30, pre-tax profits rose by 29 per cent to £1.13m—the best ever for a half-year. Moreover, the board is confident that, given freedom from industrial disruption, the second-half's figures will "materially exceed" the first's, which would make a total substantially in excess of any previously achieved. Pre-tax profits for 1976-77 were £1.75m.

Shareholders are to benefit immediately, with a rise in the interim dividend from 1.53p to 1.7p gross. The shares rose by 2p to 66p yesterday—almost at their 1977-78 "high" of 69p.

The board reports that the profit rise was achieved against a background of generally difficult conditions, a continuing recession in the building and construction industries and a low level of consumer spending. The reorganization at Greenwich is going well. A large part of the site has been vacated and its sale agreed, subject to contract and detailed planning permission.

Purchase agreed by Hawkins & Tipson

Hawkins and Tipson has reached agreement in principle for the acquisition in March of the goodwill, plant, equipment and stock of the garden furniture division of R. A. Lister Farm Equipment of Dursley, Gloucestershire, a Hawker Siddeley Group offshoot. The price will amount to about £550,000 cash.

In addition Hawkins and Tipson will enter into a licence agreement with R. A. Lister for the use of the trade mark "Lister" in relation to garden and leisure furniture.

The value of the assets being acquired is around £440,000 and these assets "should make a contribution of £60,000" to group profits in a full year.

BTR-ALLIED POLYMER

Offer on behalf of BTR to acquire issued share capital of Allied Polymer Group not already owned has been accepted by holders of 15.9m APG ordinary shares. BTR therefore owns or has acceptances for 81.7 per cent of capital of APG. Offer extended to January 13.

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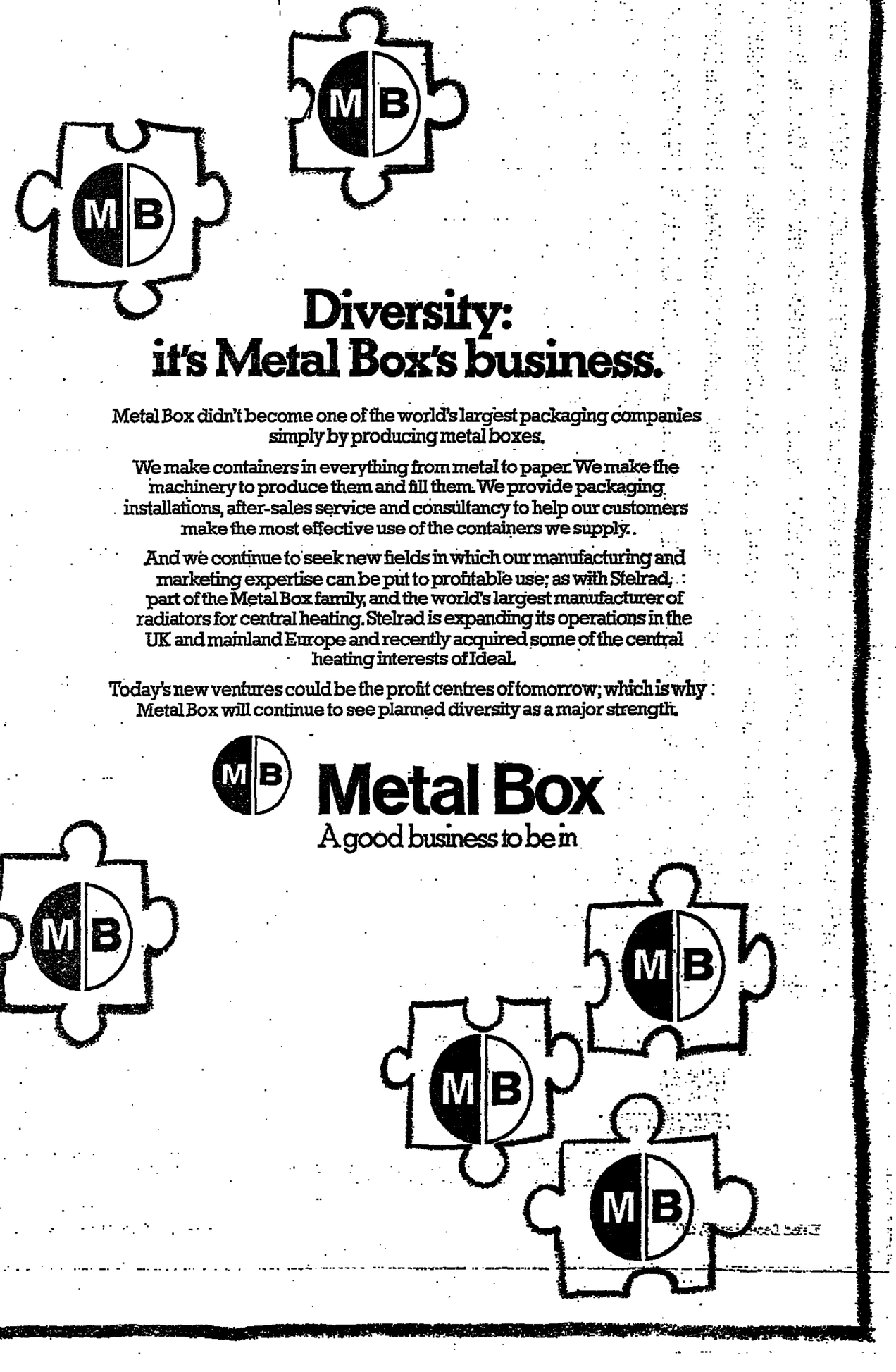
Net asset value per ordinary stock unit of Edinburgh & Dundee Investment Co at December 13 certified at 168.9p. Cheques for cash to which holders accepting British Rail Pension Funds' offers will be entitled will be sent within 14 days.

ELECTRONIC MACHINE

For personal reasons Mr N. Munro, formerly chief executive, has become a non-executive director at his own request, but will continue as group's marketing consultant. Mr E. Murray and Mr T. Palmer, directors, are now joint acting chief executives. Results for 1976-77 expected later this month.

NEW THROG TRUST

Under terms of trust deed £311,832 nominal of loan stock tendered at 109.53p a unit. Outstanding stock not held by co or subs £1.75m nominal.



FINANCIAL NEWS

UK stimulus in second-half powers SGB to best-ever £8.2m

By Victor Felstead

Boosted by a better performance at home, Surrey-based SGB Group, which operates internationally, managed to raise its pre-tax profits by a respectable 44.3 per cent to a record £8.24m in the year to September 24. Turnover was 26.7 per cent ahead at £79.73m. Margins, on a pre-tax basis, expanded from 9.08 to 10.3 per cent.

The year's outturn is creditable given market expectations. After having reached their previous peak of £6.44m in 1973-74, SGB's results declined for the following two years. A recovery was looked for in 1976-77, but some market men thought £7.5m would be about the maximum that could be honed for.

The last half-year was the most profitable, with an increase of 60.4 per cent, while the first showed a 27 per cent rise.

For the full year, interest and dividends receivable were virtually unchanged at £164,000, against £168,000, while interest charges rose from £1.46m to £1.75m.



Sir Edgar Beck, chairman of SGB Group.

The current tax charge is down from £3.03m to £1.68m, having been reduced by a credit of £560,000 relating to previous years. There was no similar credit last time. However, this year, there is a deferred tax charge of £2.31m, compared with just £4,000, leaving net profits up from £2.67m to £4.24m. Earnings per share rose from 12.3p to 19.9p and the total dividend, gross, is up from 7.23p to 7.95p. This is the maximum allowed and is covered 3.78 times.

The board explains that most of the profit improvement came from the United Kingdom operations. But SGB's dependence on new construction work lessened during the year. Those sections which did particularly well were Scaffolding (Great Britain), which is now benefiting from North Sea oil business; the Youngman Group, which takes in fork-lift truck hire; the Contractors' Services Group, which includes plant hire; and the Hire Service Shops.

Overseas, the volume of business continued to expand. But, pre-tax profits from abroad were only up from £1.48m to £1.55m, having been affected by the strength of sterling.

With a material proportion of the group's turnover now coming from North Sea oil-related work, SGB is probably budgeting for a further rise in results in the current year.

Strength of sterling holds back Serck in US

By Bryan Appleyard

Mr Robin Martin, chairman of engineering group Serck, reiterates his warnings about world trade and the United Kingdom industrial scene in his company's annual report out today.

But he does not refer to the rise in the pound. For the fact is that, as the report shows, Serck's exposure to recent currency gyrations is relatively small.

A breakdown of overseas sales, including exports, shows they account for 46 per cent of the total with West Germany taking 11.1 per cent, the rest of Europe16.1 per cent, and the Middle East 8.3 per cent.

So Serck's major exposure is to currencies that have shown minimal movements against the pound. The largest movement has been against the dollar.

Overall, any margin pressure overseas from currency fluctuations is seen as a drop in the ocean compared with the pressure from slack world demand.

Mr Martin sums up: "We shall need a concerted effort on the part of all at Serck to match the excellent results achieved last year."

Mr Martin also discloses that an adjustment of the accounts using the Hyde accounting guidelines would reduce the historical cost profit by 40 per cent. So the reported £9,300,000 pre-tax would have been cut to £5,600,000.

Depressing now but Reardon rigging up for better times

By Ashley Druker

The latest log entry for Reardon Smith Line contains some encouragement for shareholders after last year's bigger-than-expected slide into loss. For the latest half to September 30 it has turned a profit of £791,000 to a pre-tax loss of £2.83m, though this is after ship sale proceeds down from £53.56m to £2.99m. Turnover fell £1m to £12.7m. Interest payable was also much higher at £1.68m against £870,000 while depreciation virtually doubled from £2.18m to £4.28m. There is a tax credit of some £1.56m compared with a charge of £411,000, making the loss a share some 16p against earnings of 5p.

There is no interim dividend. Last year it paid 1.25p gross.

But the board will consider a payment when the full-time results are to hand. The shares dropped 3p to 38p but came back strongly to 47p on prospects.

Overall the picture, as the board states, is of depressed conditions in the tramp shipping and tanker sectors.

Referring to the October announcement that Ben Line Steamers were acquiring the semi-submersible rig Atlantic 1, Reardon says that this multi-million deal has been completed.

On prospects for the year ahead, it announces arrangements which will "dramatically" reduce the tanker losses to near break-even position.

Generally, while the latest results are viewed as "most depressing", the transactions referred to plus other paths being explored, are expected to bring about a "much more stable" structure for the company. Thus it considers that the future can be faced with greater confidence and, in this aspect, the last quarter of the present term will produce "substantially" improved results.

Additionally, Reardon has bought from Charterhouse Japhet the whole of North British & General Investment Trust. North British recently made an offer for Trust & Agency of Australasia which has gone unconditional. Securities held by T & A have been sold, and so improving Reardon's cash flow by more than £2m.

Sony to use Dutch offshoot for its European video sales

International

Sony Corporation of Japan is to set up a wholly owned Dutch subsidiary, Sony Broadcast BV, to handle sales throughout Europe of Sony broadcast video equipment.

The European subsidiary will begin operations this summer and will have about 50 employees in the initial stage, a spokesman said.

Plans have been made for a small production facility, mostly to suit local customer needs in modifying Sony developed equipment. Branches of Sony Broadcast may eventually be established in Britain, France, West Germany and Switzerland. —Reuter.

Dupont De Nemours

Dupont De Nemours of France says that it will increase prices in France for its high-strength nylon threads and polyester for industrial use by 4.5 per cent on April 1. The threads are mainly used in the manufacture of adhesive covers for tyres and transmission belts.

Danish yen bond

The 20,000m yen (about £41.2m) 12-year Danish Government bond will be issued in Tokyo on January 23 at 99.7 per cent with a coupon of 6.7 per cent. The contract will be signed by the Danish finance minister, Mr Knud Heinesen and a Japanese underwriting syndicate, led by Nikko Securities Company.

Thyssen transfer

Thyssen AG of West Germany intends to transfer back to the French companies Usinor and Sollac its 5 per cent stakes in Steelmaker STE Lorraine et Meridionale de Laminage Continu and Coke Works Marcioe. This is because of Thyssen giving up its option to increase its stake in the two companies up to 25 per cent. Usinor and Sollac each own 47.5 per cent of the two companies.

Swiss Bank capital

An extraordinary shareholders meeting of Swiss Bank Corporation has approved the planned rise of share capital by 134.8m Swiss francs (about £33.7m) to 1.400m francs and of participation certificates capital by 23.4m to 257.4m francs, the bank said.

The increase in the share capital will be effected by issuing 660,000 bearer shares and 688,020 registered shares, each with a par value of 100 francs, in a ratio of one new share for every 10 old shares, at a price of 160 francs. The same conditions in respect of par value, price and ratio of new stock to old will apply to the 234,000 new participation certificates.

Hitachi venture

Hitachi of Japan has signed a contract with Grupo Industrial Alfa SA of Mexico to establish a joint venture company to manufacture and market large electric motors. The new company, Megatek Sociedad Anonima, to be capitalized at 180m pesos, will be 51 per cent owned by the Mexican company and 49 per cent by Hitachi.

Brit Benzol hit by coal prices

By Michael Clark

Shares of British Benzol Carbonising dipped 4p to 13p yesterday after news that pre-tax profits of the coke and smokeless fuel group had fallen by more than half to £255,000.

Sales for the six months to September 30 rose from £6.7m to £7.8m, as margins slid from 8.6 to 3.2 per cent. The board states that in view of the existing conditions in the industry, the uncertain outlook and the need to conserve remaining cash resources it has decided to pass the interim dividend. Last year's interim dividend was 0.49p gross.

Stocks of metallurgical coke have built up at the Bedwas Plant and production has had to be curtailed. Meanwhile the board considers it prudent in the light of present demand to reduce the value of these stocks by some £122,000

The exceptional item of £162,000 represents the amount already spent on the proposed battery rebuild at Bedwas,

Briefly

Norfolk Ca more than trebles

Confident half time pre tions for hoteliers and prop developers Norfolk Ca Group were borne out in full-year figures to Septen 30. These show a 368 per increase in pre-tax profits £470,00. The gross dividen hoisted from 0.3p to 0.9p w earnings a share have incre from 0.48p to 2.02p. The news pushed the shares up to 30p.

At halfway, when the pre loss was down from £145,00 £46,000, the chairman, Maxwell Joseph said that ing had continued to be enc aging during the sum season. Although it was possible to achieve the s percentage increase in o pancy that was achieved du the last winter, the full ye results could be viewed some confidence," he said

CENTRAL MFG

Chairman, Mr Norman Hick reports that current year begun "satisfactorily" with mand, particularly for indu services, continuing to impro

KENNING MOTOR GROUP

Acceptances received in r rights issue amount to 5.6m sh or 88.7 per cent.

MATTHEWS WRIGHTSON

The 49 per cent interest he Surrey Shipping sold for £532,000 cash.

ASTRA INDUSTRIAL

Turnover for half-year to ber 31, £4.06m (£4.89m). Pr profit, £411,000 (369,000). De difficulties in steel industry, is confident of being able to t tain progress.

NEB INVESTMENT

Investment of £120,000 mad National Enterprise Board in flower Packaging, manufac of automated packaging mach NEB has right to convert ho into third of enlarged equity Mayflower has redemption op

J. A. DEVENISH

Sales since the end of the financial year have been writes chairman.

C.U. new life business slips 7 pc

Commercial Union Assurance reports net new life assurance on its world-wide new business for 1977, with annual premiums totalling £20.4m compared with £22.0m for 1976. Single premiums were £3.0m against £4.0m and new life sums assured, net of reassurances, were £1,900m (£1,925m). New annuities a year were £75.5m (£77.7m). New annual premiums for annuities, including group schemes, were £14.5m (£16.2m), single premiums and considerations amounted to £25.8m (£24.4m).

The Canada Life Assurance Group increased new business in the United Kingdom and Ireland in 1977. New ordinary annual premiums amounted to £2.60m (£2.26m in 1976) and new ordinary single premiums amounted to £2.33m compared with £2.13m. In addition new group premiums amounted to £1.22m (£0.82m). New sums assured were £188m (£161m), annuities bought £3.56m (£2.73m), and permanent health benefits £1.67m

Abbey Life figures for 1977 show new annual premiums up by 16 per cent at £17.8m (£15.3m). Single premiums totalled £20.8m (£24.2m), and sums assured amounted to £222.5m.

Consolidation year starts well for Brentnall Beard

The new finfocial year has started well for Brentnall Beard (Holdings, the Shrewsbury-based insurance broker, the chairman, Mr F. Brentnall Beard, reports in his annual statement. He looks to the future with confidence. Hosever, the group's rapid growth in recent years makes a period of consolidation necessary to avoid over-stretching managment and financial resources. "The strength of sterling will mean that our overseas business will need to increase turnover to obtain the same profitability", he points out.

Pre-tax profit went ahead by 37 per cent to a record £1.01m in the year to September 30 last, with the policy of widening the base of group activities proving successful.

RTZ molybdenum find in Alaska

Rio Tinto-Zinc through its wholly-owned subsidiary US Borax Chemical Corporation, appears to have confirmed that it has a major, opencast molybdenum mine in Alaska.

The deposit in South-east Alaska has a potential ore body in excess of 250 million tons with grades ranging from 0.18 per cent to 0.25 per cent molybdenum sulphide. This includes part of the orebody containing more than 50 million tons grading 0.25 per cent which outcrops at the surface, which would enable the mine to generate a fast cash flow. The group, however, faces protests from environmentalists.

Yearling bond rate drops to 6¾ pc

Down again goes the coupon on local authority bonds this week from 7¼ per cent at 99.15/16 to 6¾ per cent also at 99.15/16. The biggest borrowers this week, all at £1m, are Hertfordshire, Liverpool, Southwark and Surrey. There is also a variable rate bond from Surrey for £1m repayable in January 1982.

French purchase by Assoc Biscuit

Associated Biscuit Manufacturers has bought 80 per cent of the capital of a private, French company, Etablissements de Loisy et Gelet SA, for a price estimated "to be in the order" of 14.5m francs (£1.6m). Of this, £1.44m is in 1.71m ordinary shares. The rest, which is related to net profits for 1977 and acquisition costs, will be paid on completion of the audit of De Loisy's accounts for 1977.

Record year expected at buoyant Saatchi

Saatchi & Saatchi, formerly Compton Partners, reports a rise in pre-tax profits of 28 per cent to £1.24m for the year to September 30.

Turnover of Britain's largest listed advertising agency improved from £35.2m to £42.6m, pushing up margins from 2.77 to 2.93 per cent. Earnings a share are 15.1p against 12.8p and the total dividend is lifted from 5.69p to 6.35p.

Mr Kenneth Gill, chairman, states that at this stage it would be reasonable to expect 1978 to be another record year.

The background to the increase in turnover and profits was a remarkable new business performance, one of the most impressive in the group's history. Among the new assignments in the year were those from Sainsbury, Black & Decker, British Rail and the Government.

Bank statements for December

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidi in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man r up to December 14 are summarized in the table below:

£ millions

	Total	Change on month	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	National Westminster	G
Total Deposits	50,639	+ 414	13,707	9,924	10,401	14,923	
Cash and balances with Bank of Eng	1,290	+ 283	356	246	339	359	
Market Loans: UK banks and Discount Market	10,311	— 96	2,516	2,786	1,431	3,727	
Other	9,886	+ 205	2,938	2,434	1,600	2,859	
Bills	1,887	— 68	208	756	542	556	
Special Deposits	775	+ 5	215	109	172	226	
British Government Stocks	2,042	— 126	490	344	281	616	
Advances	25,630	+ 275	7,389	3,841	5,841	7,335	
Parent banks Reserve ratio (%)	13.5	+ 0.2	12.8	14.0	13.9	13.5	

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Eurobond prices midday indicators

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¾ 1984	96	96¾
Australia 8¼ 1992	96	96¾
Aust Mining 9¼ 1992	99	99¾
Avco 9¼ 1983	99½	100
Barclays 8½ 1992	97½	98¼
Bowater 9¼ 1992	98¼	99
British Gas 9 1981	102½	103¼
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	97	97½
Citicorp 7 1981	97	97½
CECA 8¾ 1989	97	97¾
CECA 8¼ 1997	97¾	98¼
DSM 8¼ 1987	96½	97¼
Elf Aquitaine 8¼ 1985	97	97¾
EIB 8¼ 1987	97¼	98¼
EEC 7¾ 1984	96¾	97¼
Fisons 8¾ 1993	96	96¾
Gotaverken 7¾ 1982	98¼	99
Gotaverken 8¼ 1987	95½	96¼
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	97¼	98
ICI 8¼ 1987	97¼	98
IU Overseas 8¾ 1987	97	97¾
Light-Services 9 1982	98	98¾
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	99¼	100
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	98	98¾
NCB 8 1987	95½	96
Nat West 9 1986	102½	103½
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984	96	96¾
Nippon Fudosan 6 1981	99½	100½
Occidental 8¾ 1987	98½	99½
Occidental 9¾ 1981	102½	103¼
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	97½	98¼
Quebec 9 1995	97	97¾
Rank Hovis 9 1992	96¼	97
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	98½	99¼
Sandvik 9¼ 1986	100	100¾
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	97¼	98
Sundstrand 8¾ 1987	97	97¾
Sweden 7¼ 1982	98	98¾
Sweden 8¼ 1987	96½	97¼
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	97¼	98½
Walter Kidde 8¼ 1986	97¼	98½
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7¾ 1984	96¼	96¾
CCF 6½ 1985	98¼	99
IBJ 7 1982	97½	99¼
LTCB 6¾ 1982	99¼	99¾
OKB 6¼ 1983	99¼	99¾
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1984	97¾	98¼
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9¼ 1983	99¾	100¼
BM-Rt 8¾ 1982	98¾	99¼
Ford 8¼ 1984	99¼	100
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	99¾	100½
Rank 9¼ 1982	100¾	101¼
Walter Heller 9¼ 1984	99½	100¼
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6¼ 1984	103	103½
ICI 6¾ 1987	105	105½
New Zealand 6¼ 1984	105	106¼
Phym 6¼ 1989	102	102¾
Quebec Hydro 6¼ 1987	101	101½
US $ COVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	94	96
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	107	109
Beecham 6¼ 1992	100½	101¼
Borden 6¾ 1991	108½	110½
Varnation 4 1988	77½	79½
Chevron 5 1988	117	119
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	84	86
Fairchild Camera 50 1991	80	82
Ford 5 1988	81	83
Ford 6 1986	95	96
General Electric 4¼ 1987	79	81½
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	78½
Gould 5 1987	103	105
Gulf & Western 5 1988	75½	77½
Honeywell 6 1986	85	87
ICI 6¾ 1997	85	87
INA 6 1997	93¼	94¼
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	105	106½
ITT 4¼ 1987	75	77
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	164	166
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	116½	118
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	94½	96½
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	97½	99½
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	75	77
Revlon 4¾ 1987	106½	108½
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	82½	84½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	82½	84½
Squibb 4¾ 1987	76	78
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	119½	121½
Texaco 4¾ 1988	76½	78½
Union Bank of Switz 4¾ 1987	128½	130
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	79	81
Xerox Corp 5 1988	76½	78½

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Coffee earnings

Nairobi, Kenya, Jan 10.—Coffee farmers in Kenya registered a 130 per cent increase in earnings last year compared with 1976. They earned $500m last year, compared with record earnings of about $220m in 1976.

Growers sold more than 90,000 tons of coffee last year, at an average of $5,000 a ton.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	7½%
First London Secs	6½%
C. Hoare & Co	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Rossminster Acc's	6½%
Shenley Trust	9½%
TSB	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3%, up to £25,000 3½%, over £25,000 4½%.

NEW LIFE BUSINESS

HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY

For 1977 new annual premium income of £972,086 (£848,225), consisting principally of £636,080 (£456,078), in respect of conventional life business and £336,006 (£392,148), in respect of property linked business. In addition, new single premium income of £57,720 (£62,670) was written.

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £670-70.50 a metric ton; three months, £684.50-85.00. Sales, 20,600 tons. Cash cathodes, £659.50-59.50; three months, £673-73.50. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £669.50-70.00; three months, £683.50-84.00. Settlement, £670. Sales, 6,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £658.00-59.00; three months, £672.50-73.00. Settlement, £659. Sales, 3,600 tons.

SILVER gained about 3p in the ring.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 258.9p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 496.4); three months, 266.7p (504.8c); six months, 266.7p (513.8c); one year, 276.1p (532.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 258.6-58.8p; three months, 262.3-62.5p. Sales, 33 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 258.6-58.9p; three months, 262.4-63.5p. Settlement, 258.9p. Sales, 53 lots.

TIN continued to advance. Standard cash putting on £67.50 and three months gaining £57.50.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,430-40 a metric ton; three months £6,380-85. Sales, 380 tons. High grade, cash, £6,430-40; three months £6,390-6,400. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,405-15; three months, £6,360-65. Settlement, £6,415. Sales, 590 tons. High grade, cash, £6,430-50; three months, £6,370-75. Settlement, £6,450. Sales, 10 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,710 a picul.

LEAD.—Cash gained £5.50 and three months put on £4.—Afternoon.—Cash, £364.50-65.00 a metric ton; three months, £368-64.25. Sales, 2,100 tons. Morning.—Cash, £364-64.50; three months, £368-68.25. Settlement, £364.50. Sales, 4,300 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash £281.25-81.50 a metric ton; three months £286-88.50. Sales, 1,400 tons. Morning.—Cash, £281.50-82.00; three months £288-88.50. Settlement, £282. Sales, 1,850 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £101.85 ($195.60) a troy ounce.

RUBBER steady (pence per kilo).—Feb, 48.65-48.70; March, 49.05-49.20; April-June, 49.95-50.00; July-Sept, 51.65-51.70; Oct-Dec, 53.30-53.35; Jan-March, 55.05-55.15; April-June, 56.75-56.90; July-Sept, 58.20-58.25; Oct-Dec, 59.65-59.70. Sales: 12 lots at 5 tonnes; 275 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steady.—Spot 48-49. Cifs Feb, 49.49.25; March, 49.25-49.50.

COPPER was steadier.—Jan, £1,975-80 per metric ton; March, £1,835-40; May, £1,784-85; July, £1,750-60; Sept, £1,721.20; Nov, £1,698-1,701; Jan, £1,650-1,700. Sales, 3,752 lots including 23 options.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Jan Feb, March, £270-80; April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, £260-70.

COCOA was steady.—March, £1,732-33 per metric ton; May, £1,602-05; July, £1,562.5-63.00; Sept, £1,535-40; Dec, £1,505-08; March, £1,486-87; May, £1,450-65. Sales, 2,405 lots

Commodities

including 12 options. ICCO prices: daily, 137.86c; 15-day average, 141.54c; 22-day average, 143.69c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet.—The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £109; the "whites" price was £2 lower at £112.—March, £119.50-19.70 per metric ton; May, £124.65-24.75; Aug, £127.50-27.55; Oct, £130.90-30.95; Dec, £133.40-33.60; March, £137.25-37.35; May, £139.85-40.00. Sales, 1,491 lots. ISA prices: 8.52c; 15-day average, 8.71c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steadier.—Feb, £117.30-118.00 per metric ton; April, £114.20-114.50; June, £113.10-113.20; Aug, £113-113.90; Oct, £111.50-115.00; Dec, £110.50-113.50; Feb, £110.50-115.00. Sales, 66 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo): March, 236-40; May, 235-37; July, 230-37; Oct, 239-42; Dec, 240-42; March, 242-46; May, 241-48; July, 244-48. Sales: nil.

JUTE was unquoted: Calcutta was steady. Indian, spot, Rs585 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs585.

GRAIN (The Baltic): WHEAT: Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Jan, £84; Feb, £85.75; March, £83.75. Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £81; Feb, £81.50; March, £82 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE: No 3 yellow American/French: Jan, £97.50; Feb, £98.50; March, £99.25 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta) EEC origin.—BARLEY was easy: Jan, £70.20; March £71.10; May, £73.85; Sept, £76.20; Nov £78.65; Sales: 130 lots.

WHEAT was irregular: Jan £81.35; March £82.80; May £84.60; Sept, £80.80; Nov £83. Sales: 90 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	OTHER MILLING WHEAT	FEED WHEAT	FEED BARLEY
Humberside	£88	£75.60	£70.80
Clouca		£72.80	£68.60

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 10.—GB: Cattle 58.99p per kglw (+0.70). UK: Sheep 125.6p per kgestdcw (-4.9). GB: Pigs 57.1p per kglw (-0.5). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 33.0 per cent, average price 59.03p (+0.78). Sheep numbers down 29.8 per cent, average price 125.6p (-4.7). Pig numbers down 32.8 per cent, average price 56.8p (-0.6). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 31.7 per cent, average price 58.79p (+0.22). Sheep numbers down 18.3 per cent, average price 135.1p (+2.0). Pig numbers up 3.6 per cent, average price 60.7p (-1.5).

TEA.—There was strong demand for the 53,779 packages offered at the weekly auction. Brighter Assams were well competed for and closed 5p to 10p dearer. Mediums showed some irregularity but were generally fully firm to dearer. Dooars tended lower while best Africans gained 2p to 4p per kilo and sometimes more. Mediums were irregular and sometimes lower. Central Africans were a strong feature and selected lines advanced 6p to 10p per kilo. Quality teas from Sri Lanka sold well as did dusts which were 5p to 15p per kilo dearer. Prices for medium and poor fannings were unchanged but equivalent brokens were unwanted and where sold were 5p to 8p per kilo lower. There was a fair demand for south Indian teas at steady rates. The highest price was 178p for a bon from Sri Lanka.

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—In home-produced an easing of prices has developed after the good holiday trade. In imported no arrivals have been reported.

Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packs/first-hand):

1's	4.70 to 5.10	4.70 to 5.10
2's	4.60 to 5.00	4.50 to 5.00
3's	4.30 to 4.50	4.10 to 4.50
4's	4.20 to 4.40	4.00 to 4.30
5's	3.60 to 3.80	3.35 to 3.80
6's	2.80 to 2.90	2.60 to 2.90
7's	2.00 to 2.20	1.80 to 2.20
White	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
Brown		
1's	4.70 to 5.30	4.70 to 5.30
2's	4.70 to 5.00	4.50 to 5.00
3's	4.50 to 4.50	4.10 to 4.50
4's	4.20 to 4.50	3.90 of 4.40

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Bath (City of) 11¼% 185 (£98¼d)	£13¾-¼
Cardiff City 11¼% Rd 1986 (£100d)	£81½¼
Farmer S.W. 25p Ord (104)	113½
Grampian Reg Cncl 10¾% 1985 (£99)	£80¾-¼
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	62
Mid Kent Wtr 7¼% 1982 (£a)	£12¾
St Helens 11¼% 1985 (£99½d)	£33¾-¼
Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10¼% 1999 (£95b)	£54¾-¾

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Arlington Mtr (95)		28 prem
Com Bnk Aust ($A1.75)	Mar 10	43 prem-2
Muirhead (158)		19½ prem
Nat Bnk of Aust ($A1.75)	Mar 3	45 prem-5

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £55 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

Wall Street

New York, Jan. 10.—The New York stock market closed broadly lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 3.03 points to 781.53. It was ahead four points at its best position of the session and showed occasional firmness after giving up the four-point gain.

Some 1,015 issues declined, with about 435 higher.

Volume totalled 25.18 million shares, compared with 27.99 million yesterday.

The stock market showed a modest overall gain after overcoming early selling, but began to slide following news that the dollar weakened in New York and slipped in late trading in Frankfurt.

Brokers said investors were uncertain that the Federal Reserve action in pushing interest rates higher would effectively help

	Jan 10	Jan 9
Allied Chem	39¼	39¾
Allied Stores	20¼	20½
Allied Supermkt	2½	2½
Allis Chalmers	23¼	23½
Alcoa	42⅞	42¾
Amax Inc	34⅛	34⅛
Amerada Hess	25⅛	26
Am Airlines	9⅛	9½
Am Brands	41½	42½
Am Broadcast	38⅛	38⅛
Am Can	37	37⅛
Am Cyanamid	25⅛	25⅛
Am Elec Power	24⅛	24
Am Home	27½	27⅛
Am Motors	3⅞	3⅞
Am Nat Res	43⅞	42⅞
Am Standard	34	34½
Am Telephone	58⅞	58⅞
ASIF Inc	16½	16½
Armco Steel	28⅞	27⅞
Asarco	14⅛	14⅛
Ashland Oil	29⅛	29⅞
Atlantic Richfield	47⅛	47⅛
Avco	15⅛	15⅛
Avon Products	46⅛	46⅛
Babcock & Wcox	56⅛	56⅛
Bankers Tst NY	34⅛	34⅛
Bank of America	20⅛	20⅛
Bank of NY	30⅛	30⅛
Beatrice Foods	23⅛	23⅛
Bell & Howell	14⅛	14
Bendix	36⅛	35⅛
Bethlehem Steel	20⅛	20⅛
Boeing	23⅛	23⅛
Boise Cascade	23⅛	23⅛
Borden	30⅛	30⅛
Borg Warner	26⅛	26⅛
Bristol Myers	31⅛	31⅛
BP	15⅛	16
Budd	34⅞	37⅛
Burlington Ind	18⅛	18⅛
Burlington Nthn	38⅛	38⅛
Burroughs	67⅛	68⅛
Campbell Soup	32⅛	32⅞
Canadian Pacific	15½	15⅛
Caterpillar	52⅛	52⅛
Celanese	39	39
Central Soya	13½	13½
Charter NY	27⅛	27⅛
Chase Manhat	29⅛	29⅛
Chem Bank NY	39⅛	39⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	32	32
Chrysler	12⅛	12⅛
Citicorp	21⅞	21⅛
Cities Service	48⅞	48⅛
Clark Equip	32½	33
Coca Cola	36⅛	38
Colgate	20⅛	21
CBS	49⅛	50
Columbia Gas	29⅛	29⅛
Combustion Eng	35⅛	35⅛
Comwlth Edison	29⅛	29⅞
Cons Edison	23⅛	23⅛
Cons Foods	23⅛	23⅛
Cons Power	22⅛	22⅛
Continental Grp	32	32⅛
Continental Oil	30⅛	30⅛
Control Data	20⅞	20⅛
Corning Glass	48	49⅛
CPC Intnl	44⅛	43⅞
Crane	25⅛	25⅛
Crocker Int	23⅛	23⅛
Crown Zeller	32	32⅛
Dart Ind	34½	34⅛
Deere	26⅛	26⅛
Del Monte	25	25⅛
Delta Air	34⅛	34⅛
Detroit Edison	16	16⅛
Disney	36⅞	36⅛
Dow Chemical	28⅛	28⅛
Dresser Ind	42⅛	42⅛
Duke Power	20⅛	21
Du Pont	111½	111½
Eastern Air	6⅛	6⅛
Eastman Kodak	50	49⅞
Eaton Corp	34⅛	35⅛
El Paso Nat Gas	15½	15½
Equitable Life	24⅛	26
Esmark	27⅛	27⅛
Evans P. D.	15⅛	15⅛
Exxon Corp	43⅛	44⅛
Fed Dept Stores	36⅛	36⅛
Firestone	13⅛	13⅛
Fst Chicago	18⅛	18
Fst Nat Boston	24⅛	25
Fst Penn Corp	16⅛	16½
Ford	42⅛	42⅛
GAF Corp	10⅛	10⅛
Gamble Skogmo	28	28⅛
Gen Dynamics	41	41½
Gen Electric	47	47½
Gen Foods	29⅛	30
Gen Mills	28⅛	28⅛
Gen Motors	58⅛	59⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	20⅛	20⅛
Gen Tel Elec	30	30⅛
Gen Tire	23⅛	23⅛
Genesco	4	3⅞
Georgia Pacific	25⅛	26
Getty Oil	168	169
Gillette	23⅛	23⅛
Goodrich	19⅛	19⅛
Goodyear	16⅛	16⅛
Gould Inc	26	26
Grace	26⅛	26⅛
Gt Atlc & Pacific	7⅛	8⅛
Greyhound	12½	12⅛
Grumman Corp	16⅛	16½
Gulf Oil	25	25⅛
Gulf & West	11⅛	11⅛
Heinz H. J.	34⅛	35⅛
Hercules	14½	14⅛
Honeywell	43½	43⅛
IC Inds	23⅛	23⅛
Ingersoll	52⅛	52⅛
Inland Steel	37⅛	38⅛
IBM	267	268⅛
Int Harvester	28½	28⅞
INCO	16⅛	16⅛
Int Paper	40⅛	40⅛
Int Tel Tel	30⅛	30
Jewel Co	19	18⅛
Jim Walter	29⅛	29⅛
Johns-Manville	29⅛	28⅛
Johnson & John	69½	71
Kaiser Alumin	31½	30
Kennecott	22⅛	22⅛
Kerr McGee	43⅛	45⅛
Kimberly Clark	39⅛	39⅛
Kraftco Corp	43½	44
K Mart	25⅛	25½
Kroger	26	26
Ligget Group	26⅛	26⅛
L.T.V. Corp	6	6
Litton	14⅛	14⅛
Lockheed	13⅛	13⅛
Lucky Stores	13½	13⅛
Manuf Hanover	31	30⅛
Mapco	35⅛	35⅛
Marathon Oil	45⅛	46
Marine Midland	13½	13⅛
Martin Marietta	22⅛	22⅛
McDonnell	22⅛	23⅛
Mead	20⅛	20⅛
Merck	53⅛	53⅛
Minnesota Mng	46⅛	46⅛
Mobil Oil	59⅛	60⅛
Monsanto	51½	52
Morgan J. P.	41½	42
Motorola	37⅛	37⅛
NCR Corp	37	37⅛
NL Industries	16⅛	16⅛
Nabisco	46⅛	46½
Nat Distillers	19⅛	19⅛
Nat Steel	31½	32⅛
Norfolk West	26⅛	26⅛
NW Bancorp	23½	23⅛
Norton Simon	19⅛	19⅛
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ogden	22⅛	22⅛
Olin Corp	15⅛	16
Owens-Illinois	20⅛	20⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	23½	23⅛
Pan Am	5	5
Penney J. C.	34⅛	34½
Pennzoil	27½	27⅛
Pepsico	28	28
Pet Inc	32½	32⅛
Pfizer	26⅛	26⅛
Phelps Dodge	20⅛	20⅛
Philip Morris	57⅛	58⅛
Phillips Petrol	29⅛	29⅛
Polaroid	24½	24⅛
PPG Ind	26⅛	26⅛
Proctor Gamble	81⅛	81⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅛	22⅛
Pullman	23⅛	23⅛
Rapid American	6	6
Raytheon	30⅛	30⅛
RCA Corp	24	24⅛
Republic Steel	22⅛	22⅛
Reynolds Ind	56⅛	56⅛
Reynolds Metal	30	30½
Rockwell Int	29	29⅛
Royal Dutch	55⅛	54½
Safeways	39⅛	39⅛
St Regis Paper	30	29⅛
Santa Fe Ind	37⅛	37⅛
SCM	16⅛	16⅛
Schlumberger	68⅛	68⅛
Scott Paper	13⅛	13⅛
Seaboard Coast	31⅛	32
Seagram	21⅛	21½
Sears Roebuck	28⅛	28⅛
Shell Oil	29	30⅛
Shell Trans	40	40
Signal Co	28½	28½
Singer	19⅛	18½
Sony	7	7
Sth Cal Edison	25⅛	25⅛
Southern Pacific	33⅛	33½
Southern Rly	47½	48
Sperry Rand	35⅛	35⅛
Squibb	22⅛	22⅛
Std Brands	24⅛	25
Std Oil Califnia	36	38⅛
Std Oil Indiana	46⅛	46⅛
Std Oil Ohio	68	68
Sterling Drug	13⅛	13⅛
Stevens J. P.	15⅛	15⅛
Stude Worth	44⅛	44⅛
Sunbeam Corp	19½	18⅛
Sun Comp	40⅛	40⅛
Sundstrand	33	32⅛
Teledyne	58½	59
Tenneco	29⅛	29⅛
Texaco	26½	26½
Texas East Trans	40⅛	42
Texas Inst	70⅛	70
Texas Utilities	20⅛	20⅛
Textron	25	25⅛
TWA	9⅛	9⅛
Travelers Corp	28⅛	28½
TRW Inc	30	30⅛
UAL Inc	19⅛	19⅛
Unilever Ltd	42½	42⅛
Unilever NV	53⅛	53⅛
Union Bancorp	13⅛	13
Union Carbide	39⅛	39⅛
Union Oil Calif	48½	48⅛
Un Pacific Corp	46	45⅛
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Brands	7⅛	7⅛
US Industries	7⅛	7⅛
US Steel	30⅛	30½
Utd Technol	33½	33⅛
Wachovia	15⅛	15⅛
Warner Comm	30	30⅛
Warner Lambert	25⅛	25⅛
Wells Fargo	25⅛	25⅛
West'n Bancorp	30⅛	31⅛
Westinghse Elec	17	17⅛
Weyerhauser	26⅛	26⅛
Whirlpool	20½	20⅛
White Motor	7⅛	7⅛
Woolworth	17⅛	17⅛
Xerox Corp	45⅛	45⅛
Zenith	13⅛	13⅛

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	10⅛	10⅛
Alcan Alumin	27⅛	27⅛
Algoma Steel	14½	14⅛
Bell Telephone	53⅛	54
Cominco	28⅛	27½
Cons Bathurst	22	21½
Falconbridge	18½	18½
Gulf Oil	28⅛	28⅛
Hawker Sid Can	6.13	6.25
Hudson Bay Min	16½	16⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	43⅛	43⅛
Imasco	29⅛	29⅛
Imperial Oil	20	20
Int Pipe	14	13⅛
Mass.-Fergsn	15⅛	15⅛
Royal Trust	16⅛	16⅛
Seagram	23	23½
Steel Co	24	24
Talcorp	8⅛	8⅛
Thomson N 'A'	12	11⅛
Walker Hiram	28⅛	28⅛
WCT	34	34

● Ex div. a Asked. e Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9177 (1.9162); three months, 1.9132 (1.9206); Canadian dollar, 90.85 (90.93).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 2.18 at 349.38. The futures index was up 2.73 at 340.41.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 781.53 (784.56); transportation, 205.73 (206.61); utilities, 107.04 (107.50); 65 stocks, 271.71 (272.84).

New York Stock Exchange index, 49.77 (50.05); industrials, 53.28 (53.58); transportation, 38.40 (38.45); utilities, 39.22 (39.45); financial, 50.65 (51.05).

Gold down slightly

GOLD fell slightly in active trading on the New York Commodity Exchange and the International Monetary Market. NY COMEX: Jan, $171.90; Feb, $172.80; March, $174.00; April, $175.20; June, $177.70; Aug, $180.20; Oct, $182.70; Dec, $185.20; Feb, $187.80; April, $190.40; June, $193.00; Aug, $195.70; Oct, $198.40. CHICAGO IMM: March, 173.90-174.10; June, 177.80-177.60; Sept, 181.60; Dec, 185.80; March, 190.00; June, 194.00; Sept, 198.00.

SILVER futures finished with losses of 1.5 cents on technical selling after net gains this morning of more than 5.00 cents. Jan, 490.60c; Feb, 492.70c; March, 496.00c; May, 503.70c; July, 509.40c; Sept, 516.10c; Dec, 526.30c; Jan, 529.80c; March, 536.60c; May, 543.40c; July, 550.20c; Sept, 557.10c. Handy and Harman of Canada, $5.438 ($5.404).

COPPER closed barely steady. Jan, 58.90c; Feb, 59.20c; March, 59.60c; May, 60.60c; July, 61.60c; Sept, 62.50c; Dec, 63.80c; Jan, 64.30c; March, 65.20c; May, 66.10c; July, 67.00c; Sept, 67.90c.

SUGAR closed steady. March, 9.29-30c; May, 9.68-70c; July, 9.92c; Sept, 10.06c; Oct, 10.23c; Jan, 10.67c nominal; March, 10.78-0.87c; May, 10.95-10.28c.

COCOA closed barely steady. March, 142.90c; May, 132.00c; July, 127.10c; Sept, 124.05c; Dec, 120.35c; March, 117.55c; May, 116.00c.

COFFEE closed barely steady. March, 200.00-100.01c; May, 188.50c; July, 180.50c; Sept, 178.00c; Dec, 164.35c; March, 157.00-9.00c; May, 155.00c.

COTTON futures soared 1.50 cents higher. March, 54.65-75c; May, 55.50-95c; July, 56.90-7.00c; Oct, 58.00-15c; Dec, 58.50-60c; March, 59.00-40c; May, 59.40-80c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Soyabean futures surged higher in late trading to finish at or just off the day's highs and post gains of 10 to four cents a bushel. SOYABEANS.—Jan, 598-97½c; March, 607-08c; May, 616-15½c; July, 619½-19c; Aug, 618c; Sept, 596½-97½c; Nov, 588½-89c; Jan, 595c. SOYABEAN OIL.—Jan, 20.85-21.00c; March, 21.10-15c; May, 21.25-30c; July, 21.20-25c; Aug, 21.20c; Sept, 20.75c; Oct, 20.15c; Dec, 20.00c; Jan, 19.95-20.00c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Jan, $165.00-6.00; March, $165.50-5.00; May, $167.50; July, $169.80-9.60; Aug, $169.50-170.00; Sept, $166.00-6.30; Oct, $165.00; Dec, $164.50-5.20.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Wheat futures closed at the day's highs, finishing with gains of 3¼ to 3¾ cents a bushel. —WHEAT: March, 279½-¼c; May, 285¼-86c; July, 290½-¼c; Sept, 302¾c; Dec, 302¾c; March, 309¼c. MAIZE: March, 234¼-25c; May, 228½-¼; July, 230-29¾c; Sept, 228¾c; Dec, 229¾c. OATS: March, 130c; March, 236c; May, 131¼c; May, 133c; July, 135¾c bid; Sept, 137c nominal; Dec, 138¾c.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
44	27	Airsprung Ord	39	—	4.2	10.8	7.3
150	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	—	18.4	13.2	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
145	105	Bardon Hill	144	—	12.0	8.3	9.9
102	51	Deborah Ord	101	—	5.1	5.2	8.0
216	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	140	—	11.5	8.0	6.9
58	36	Jackson Group	46	+1	5.0	10.9	5.4
114	55	James Burrough	109	—1	6.0	5.5	10.0
340	188	Robert Jenkins	315	—	27.0	8.5	5.3
24	9	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
77	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	75	—	12.0	16.0	—
74	51	Unilock Holdings	74	—	7.0	9.5	9.2
87	67	Walter Alexander	84	—	6.4	7.6	6.2

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Foreign Exchange

The dollar eased in relatively quiet trading against closing levels of major currencies yesterday as operators continued hesitant over opening up new positions.

Many dealers feel the current United States measures to defend the dollar merely constitute a holding operation and participants await more substantial measures related to the United States trade deficit and Congressional approval of the Energy Bill.

Sterling fluctuated between $1.9170 and $1.9210 before closing at $1.9185, a gain of 10 points on the day. The trade weighted index eased to 65.7 from 65.8 at Monday's close. News that total eligible liabilities within the British banking system rose £645m to £40,840m in the four weeks to December 14 came too late to affect trading.

The dollar closed at 2.1360 marks against 2.1465 on Monday, at 2.0090 Swiss francs compared with 2.0175 and 241.35 yen against 241.20.

Spot Position of Sterling

Market rates (day's range) January 10	Market rates (close) January 10
[illegible]	$1.9150-9190
[illegible]	$2.1106-1115
[illegible]	4.34½-36¼fl
[illegible]	63.20-60f
[illegible]	11.14½-15½k
[illegible]	4.09½-10½m
[illegible]	77.20-40e
[illegible]	155.15-30p
[illegible]	1677½-79½lr
[illegible]	9.35-96k
[illegible]	9.07-08fr
[illegible]	9.00½-03½k
[illegible]	461-64y
[illegible]	29.28-36sch
[illegible]	3.88sf

Forward Levels

[illegible]

Gold

[illegible]

Discount market

Although money conditions were slightly less tight on Lombard Street yesterday houses still faced a very substantial shortage. The Bank of England again had to assist the market on an exceptionally large scale, representing a figure in excess of £250m. The authorities purchased a large amount of Treasury bills from the banks and the houses, and a small number of corporation bills from the houses, and also lent a very large sum overnight to five or six houses at 6½ per cent MLR.

Banks' balances were run-down overnight, there was quite a large Revenue figure (mainly tax), there were local authority bills maturing in the hands of the Bank, money continued to flow in for the call on Treasury 10½ per cent 1999, and the market repaid the moderate sum lent by the Bank on Monday.

Rates held firm throughout, sticking at 6½ per cent for the most part, and finishing around 6 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½%
(Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 7 Low 6½
Week Fixed: 7-6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅞	2 months	5¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	5⅞	3 months	5⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-6	3 months	6¾
3 months	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	4 months	6¾
4 months	6-5⅞	6 months	6¾
6 months	6-5⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6½-6	7 months	6½-6
2 months	6½-6	8 months	6½-6
3 months	6½-6	9 months	6⅞-6¾
4 months	6½-6	10 months	6⅞-6¾
5 months	6½-6	11 months	7-6⅞
6 months	6½-6	12 months	7¼-6⅞

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	6½-6⅜	6 months	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆
3 months	6½-6⅜	12 months	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6½	3 months	6
7 days	6¼	6 months	6¾
1 month	6¼	1 year	6⅞

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 6½ Close 3½

1 week	6⅝-6¼	6 months	6¾-6⅝
1 month	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	9 months	6⅞-6¾
3 months	6⅝-6	12 months	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 6¾ 6 months 6¾

Finance House Base Rate 6½%

Rubber council

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 10.—Datuk Amar Abdul Taib Mahmud, the Malaysian Primary Industries Minister, inaugurated the International Natural Rubber Council here. The council is holding a three-day meeting.

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48.3	33.7	Abbey General	43.9	46.8	3.62
40.3	29.8	Do Income	38.1	40.6	5.42
34.6	27.8	Do Invest	33.1	35.2	4.21

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78.3	57.4	Allen Trust (3)	71.7	77.1	4.26
64.9	47.9	Do Inc (3)	61.3	65.8	6.50

Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851

73.7	53.6	Allied Capital	70.4	75.3	4.17
67.6	50.8	Do 1st	65.4	69.8	5.21
61.2	48.5	Brit Ind 2nd	63.2	67.4	5.25
39.0	27.8	Growth & Inc	36.8	39.3	4.98
33.6	24.0	Elec & Ind Dev	31.9	34.1	4.06
40.4	32.4	Met Min & Cmdty	37.3	39.9	5.73
62.8	45.4	High Income	61.8	66.0	8.01
39.4	28.2	Equity Income	39.0	41.6	6.88
24.8	22.8	International	21.0	22.5	2.55
67.0	44.0	High Yield Fnd	66.8	71.4	7.84
109.9	79.1	Hambro Fnd	104.2	111.3	5.12
87.0	52.4	Do Recovery	86.1	92.2	4.86
33.3	17.3	Do Smaller	32.2	35.5	4.60
133.1	89.7	Do Accum	117.3	125.3	4.76
41.0	24.3	2nd Smaller	40.9	43.7	5.14
53.8	48.1	Secs of America	43.1	46.1	2.80
34.1	31.0	Pacific Fnd	29.3	31.3	3.19
57.1	45.9	Overseas Fnd	52.1	55.6	5.03
207.5	128.3	Exempt Smaller	207.0	217.9	5.50

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●Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium. g Ex bonus. h Estimated yield. k Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) Jan 29. (9) Jan 27. (10) Jan 31. (14) Feb 1. (15) Jan 18. (16) Jan 24. (18) Feb 7. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (30) 3rd working day of month. (31) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Widespread losses

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• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 10.01.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1950):

	Index No Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	202.68	6.46	11.82	204.45
Largest Coys.	203.50	6.25	11.21	205.65
Smaller Coys.	199.21	7.12	13.90	199.32
Capital Goods	[illegible]	7.02	13.87	205.91
Consumer Good.	[illegible]	6.78	11.40	220.61
Store Shares	180.10	6.16	7.70	186.48
Largest financial shares	203.10	5.32	—	237.80
Largest financial and industrial shares	211.90	6.08	—	214.20
Commodity shares	200.02	6.01	12.30	204.30
Gold Mining shares	265.20	2.38	15.70	263.60
Industrial debenture stocks	95.91	6.16*	—	96.16
Industrial preference stocks	69.78	11.15*	—	62.27
3½% War Loan	34¼	9.90*	—	34⅝

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:

	High	Low
All-time	222.99 (24.09.77)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1978	205.18 (05.01.78)	201.60 (10.01.78)
1977	222.99 (14.09.77)	151.29 (13.01.77)
1976	171.95 (05.05.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	158.92 (19.12.75)	61.42 (09.01.75)
1974	155.18 (25.02.74)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1973	189.53 (12.01.73)	120.90 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield

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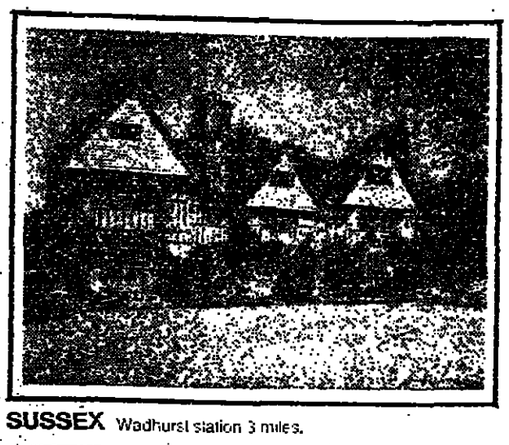
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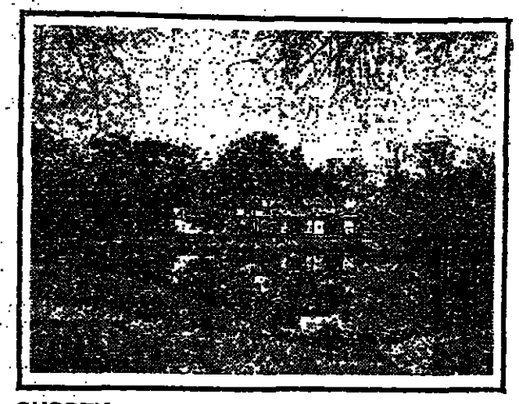
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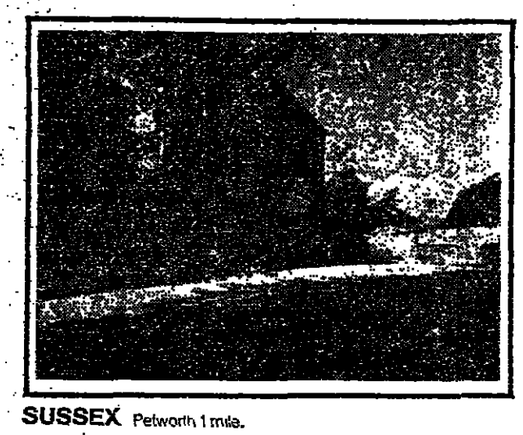
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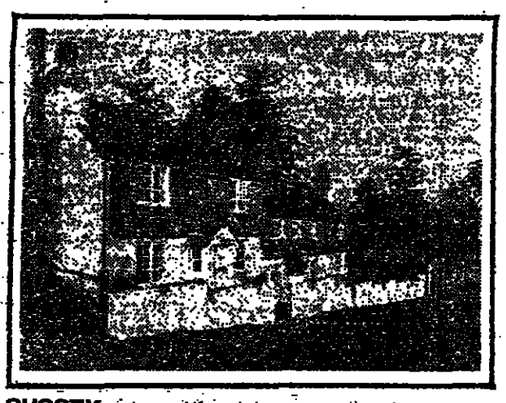
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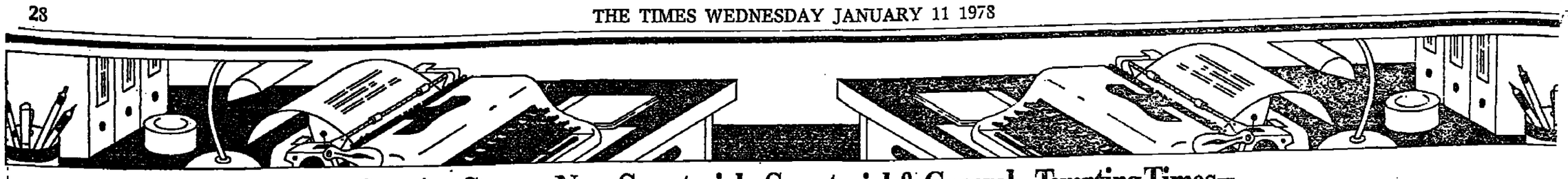
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BBC 1

11.00 am, You and Me. [illegible] pm, News. 1.00, Pebble [illegible] 1.45-2.00, Mister Men. [illegible] Play School. 4.20, Touche [illegible] 4.25, Jackanory. 4.40, [illegible] Test. 5.00, John Craven. [illegible] A Traveller in Time. [illegible] News. 5.55, Nationwide. [illegible] Sykes. [illegible] Film. The Prisoner of Zenda, with Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr, James Mason. [illegible] News. [illegible] I Didn't Know You Cared (new series). [illegible] Sportsnight. FA Cup Soccer, Amateur Boxing, England v Scotland. [illegible] Tonight. [illegible] Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): WALES.—5.05-5.35 pm. [illegible] 5.55-6.20, Wales Today. [illegible] 7.15, Trom. Y. 7.40, [illegible] Scientist of the Year. 8.10-[illegible] The Oregon Trail. SCOTLAND [illegible] NORTHERN IRELAND.—[illegible] pm, Northern Ireland [illegible] 5.55-6.20, Scene Around Six. [illegible] Spotlight.

BBC 2

10.20 am, Charbar. 10.45, Parosi. 11.00-11.25, Play School.

7.00 News Headlines.

7.05 Democracy at Work: Progress Report.

7.30 Newsday.

8.10 Julian Bream Masterclass: Preludes by Villa-Lobos.

9.00 The Master Game, Chess Tournament: Final (continued), Karpov v Miles.

9.30 Play: A Visit from Miss Prothero, by Alan Bennett.

10.10 Arena: Cinema. The Force is with us? Star Wars, discussion.

10.50 The Light of Experience: Riches to Rags.

11.05 News.

11.15 The Sky at Night: Exploring the Night Sky with Binoculars.

11.35-11.40, John Westbrook reads Troublesome Fame, by Robert Graves.

Thames

12.00, Cloppa Castle. 12.10 pm, Pipkins. 12.30, Sounds of Britain. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Hadleigh (r). 3.20, Heart to Heart. 3.50, Couples (r). 4.20, Michael Bentine. 4.45, Pop Quest. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm.

5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.

6.35, Crossroads.

7.00 This Is Your Life.

7.30 Coronation Street.

8.00 Film: Murphy's War, with Peter O'Toole, Sian Phillips, Philippe Noiret, Horst Janson.

10.00 News.

10.30 A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers.

11.00 Bless This House (r).

11.30 World Snooker.

12.00 Night Gallery (r).

12.25 am, Epilogue.

(r) Repeat.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 10.30, Citizens' Rights. 11.15, Bullin's Grand Masters Darts Championship. 11.45-12.15 am, Police Surgeon.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 11.00, Police Surgeon. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Healthy Eating. 12.10 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Wish You Were Here. . . . 7.00, Thames. 11.00, The Untouchables.* 11.55-12.30 am, George Hamilton IV.

* Black and white.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, ATV. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 11.00, The Odd Couple. 11.30-12.25, Dan August.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Dynomutt. 6.35, Thames. 10.32, Rising Damp. 11.00, A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers. 11.30, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 12.15 am, Epilogue: News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.00, Reflections. 11.05-12.05 am, Concert, Sergio Mendes and Brazil 77.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Dynomutt. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, Thames. 11.00, Bless This House. 11.30, World Championship Darts.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 11.00, Bless This House. 11.30, West Side Medical. 12.30 am, Epilogue.

HTV

[illegible] Thames. 1.20 pm, West [illegible] 1.25, Wales Headlines. [illegible] Crown Court. 2.00, Help [illegible] 2.25, Thames. 5.15, [illegible] 20, Southern. 6.00, Report [illegible] 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, You Were Here? 7.00, [illegible] 11.30-12.25 am, Concert. [illegible] Williams. HTV CYMRU/[illegible]—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 [illegible] Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. [illegible] Cl. Yath A'r Gerddi. [illegible] Y Dydd. HTV WEST.—[illegible] except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West [illegible] 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Westward

[illegible] Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward Headlines. 1.30, Thames. [illegible] Westward Diary. 6.35, [illegible] 10.30, Rising Damp. [illegible] A Prime Minister on Prime [illegible] 11.30, Pro Celebrity [illegible] 12.15 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia [illegible] 1.30, Southern. 2.25, [illegible] 5.15, ATV. 11.00, Jazz [illegible] Kenny Ball. 11.30, [illegible] 12.30 am, The Big Question.

Border

[illegible] Thames. 1.20 pm, Border [illegible] 1.30, Southern. 2.25, [illegible] 5.15, Horses in Our Blood. [illegible] 6.00, Lookaround. [illegible] Thames. 11.00, The Odd [illegible] 11.30, World Championship [illegible] 12.00, Border News.

Scottish

[illegible] Thames. 1.25 pm, Road [illegible] 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, [illegible] 2.25, Thames. 5.15, [illegible] 6.00, Scotland Today. [illegible] 7.00, Thames. 10.30, [illegible] the Ceilidh. 11.00, Out [illegible] 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-[illegible] Police Woman.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Kid Jensen. 4.31, Dave Lee Travis. 7.02, Sing Something Simple.† 7.30, Band.† 8.15, Semprini.† 9.02, Bing, part 2. 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.

† Stereo

2

6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, News Headlines. 10.30, Show with 10 Legs. 11.02, Brian Matthews. 12.00, News.

3

6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Reicha, Haydn.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 2: Tchaikovsky, Ravel.† 9.00, News. 9.05, The Bologna School.† 9.50, Organ recital.† 10.30, Song recital: Purcell, Schumann, Britten.† 11.25, Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra: Schubert.† 11.50, Words. 11.55, Concert, part 2: Hartmann, Mussorgsky.†

1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Concert: Chopin, Ravel, Barber.† 2.00, In Repertory: Leos Janacek, illustrated talk.† 3.00, Brahms chamber music.† 3.35, Beecham's Delius. 4.20, Finzi's Hardy (song recital).† 5.00, Building a Library.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound.† 6.30, Kontakte. 7.00, Allez France!

7.30, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Haydn's Mass in C major.† 8.55, Bax: a Celtic Symphony.† 9.40, Scientifically Speaking. 10.25, Cantatas: Bernier, Rameau, Boismortier.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, A Better Mousetrap. 10.00, News. 10.5, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, You, the Jury. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, What Ho! Jeeves. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: A Death in the Family. 3.50, Choral Evensong from Chester Cathedral. 4.35, Story: Mapp and Lucia. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.30, My Music. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, File on 4. 8.00, Lord Peter Wimsey. The five Red Herrings, part 2. 8.30, Reith Lectures. Change in British Society by Dr A. H. Halsey, part 1: To Know Ourselves. 9.00, Science Now. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Round Europe Quiz. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime. The Spy Who Came in from the Cold. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore Forecast.

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BIRTHS

BERGER.—On January 3rd, to Jane (nee Mailer) and Ronnie—a son (Damian Marc).

HAMILTON.—On 9th January, at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to Rosemary (nee Green) and James—a daughter.

HOUGS.—On 9th January, to Alison and Patrick—a daughter.

HOFFMAN.—On January 8th, prematurely, at Kings College Hospital, to Xenia (nee Glowacka-Janus) and Theodore—a son (Paul).

KEYNES.—On Tuesday, 10 January to Hilary (nee Lister) and Roger—a son, at Northwick Park Hospital.

MURRAY.—On Monday, 9th January, 1978, at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, to Millie (nee Craig) and Iain—a daughter (Lucy Jane).

RUSSELL-STONEHAM.—On January 7th, 1978, to Venetia (nee Riddick) and Derek (Puz)—a son (Rory).

TAYLOR.—On January 6th, at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Annabella (nee Eanor) wife of Shaun Taylor—a daughter.

TROTTER.—On 9th January, 1978, at Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Katharine (nee Farquharson) and Simon—a son (Alasdair).

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SHARP : WESTCOTT.—On January 10th, 1953, quietly in Bath Abbey, Captain Edward John Sharp, R.E. to Pauline Clare Westcott.

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DEATHS

ALLPASS.—On 7th January, 1978, at Clare Park, Lily, very dearly loved mother of Patricia and son-in-law Joan Oxer, and very dearly loved by the Oxer and Allpass families. Funeral service takes place at the Park Crematorium, Aldershot, on Friday, 13th January at 2 p.m. Flowers to H. C. Patrick & Co., Farnham, Surrey.

BICKET.—On January 3rd peacefully at home in his 95th year, Brigadier General William Nelson Bicket, C.B.E., father of Tony and Peter. Funeral was private. No letters, please.

BRACE.—On Jan. 3rd., 1978, Florence Helen, aged 95. Funeral Finchar Cemetery. 12 noon. Jan. 12th.

CAZALET.—On December 5th, 1977, in Durban, Roger Charles Lyons, beloved husband of Nancy, aged 74.

CHAMBERS.—On Friday, 6th January, Squadron Leader W. A. A. Funeral service at Ealing Abbey, 2 p.m., Thursday, 12th January. Flowers to 15 Waldeck Rd. by 1 p.m. latest.

CLARK.—On 5th January, 1978, aged 83, Felix, much loved husband of Ruby, father of Peter and grandfather of Christopher and Simon. Private cremation.

ESSERY.—On 9th of January 1978 peacefully at Petersfield, Dorothy Christine, aged 66 of Dunmore East, Co Waterford widow of Captain A. E. Essery and beloved mother of Gill, Tony Rosalind, Patricia and Edward. Funeral at St Mary Magdalene Church, Sheet, Petersfield on Friday 13th of January at 3 pm followed by cremation at Chichester. *No flowers please.* Donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund.

FORSYTH.—On 8th Jan. 1978 suddenly at home Robert (Bob) dear husband of Mavis and father of Sarah, Jane, James and Mark. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Wollaton Park, Nottingham on Friday, 13 Jan. at 3 p.m. followed by cremation at Nottingham Crematorium. Flowers optional may be sent to Lymn Funeral Service, Robin Hood House, Nottingham. Details of a memorial service will be announced later.

FOSTER.—On 5th January in Malvern, Neville John Acland (Johnnie) Foster, O.B.E., M.C., aged 87, formerly of Malvern. Last surviving son of the late Reverend Henry and Mrs. Foster, of Malvern. Husband of Molly, father of Jane, Flash and Michael. Funeral at St. Andrews, Malvern Common, at 2 p.m., on Friday, 13th January, followed by private interment. Flowers by his request but if desired donations to friends of the elderly, Martins House, Moorlands Road, Malvern.

GALE.—On January 5th, 1978, in a Worthing hospital after a long illness, dearly loved mother, Dorothy May. No flowers, please. Donations to Cancer Research.

GLUCK (Artist).—On January 10th in her 83rd year. Cremation private.

GORMAN.—On 10th January, 1978, April Mary Gorman JP, peacefully at Queen Mary's Hospital, Warwickshire, greatly loved wife of John, mother of Jane, Catherine, Edward and Piers, and daughter of Florence Penfold. Requiem Mass privately at the Church of Our Lady and St Walstan, Southampton, on Friday, 13 January. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund please.

GRAYDON, BRIAN EVANS.—On 9th January at Middlesex Hospital, beloved husband of Mary and loving father of Sheena, Nicola and Stephen, beloved brother of Pat and loved son-in-law of Rachel and Charles Williams. Service at Hampstead Parish Church (St. Johns) on Thursday, 19th January, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired to Heart Research Fund, Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1.

HAY.—On 9th January, 1978, at Crookston near Peebles, Judy, wife of the late Lt.-Col. Sir Bache Hay, Bart. Funeral at family burial ground, Cross Kirk, Peebles, on 13th January, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only.

KNOOPKA, BARON, ADAM.—Suddenly, on January 7th, beloved husband of Danuta, father of Nadine and stepfather of Jennie and Madeleine. Funeral service Friday, January 13th, 11 a.m. Brompton Oratory, S.W.7.

LEE-KONG.—On January 8th, suddenly, Dr. David Gam Lee-Kong, M.Bch., D.A., beloved husband of Mavis. Funeral service at St. Mary's Priory, Fulham Road, on Friday, 13th, at 10.40 a.m.

LEVISOHN.—On December 20th, 1977, suddenly in Hong Kong, Lewis Levisohn, beloved husband of Winifred Atwell, residing in Australia. Memorium service was held at Narabeen, New South Wales.

MASON.—On 8th Jan. 1978 Winifred Clare (Dimmy) in her 95th year, much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Ipswich Crematorium, 13.30, Friday, 13th January. Family cut flowers only, but donations if wished to British Red Cross Society with whom she served in two world wars.

MULHOLLAND.—On December 30, at his home, 20 St. Leonard's Road, Exeter, Hugh Patrick, M.A., Ph.D., aged 71, formerly Reader in Analysis, University of Exeter.

MUNRO.—On 8th January, 1978, Carmen, aged 81, daughter of the late Sir Hugh and sister of Sir Torquil Munro, of Tanderlis. Funeral private, no flowers please.

NORTON-TAYLOR.—On January 9th, peacefully at home in Poole, Gweneth Joan (Bunny), dear wife of Seymour, mother of Kitty, Richard and Fiona. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium, on January 17th at 3.45 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Nat West Bank Ltd., 1 Kingland Road, Poole.

DEATHS

PARKER.—On January 8th, 1978, suddenly, Cyril Arthur, beloved husband of Gladys and devoted father of Adrian and Vivien, of Little Orchard, Lanercroft Avenue, Banstead. Funeral service Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Friday, 13th January, at 4 p.m.

PRESCOT.—On January 9th, 1978, Jane Violet of Kings Pyon House, Herefordshire aged 87. Funeral service followed by interment at Kings Pyon Church on Friday, January 13th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Lindsey Price Ltd., 16-17 Commercial St., Hereford. Tel 2196/7.

PRICE.—On Jan. 6, Marjorie Rokeby of 107 Colebourne Court, S.W.5, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Wilfrid Rokeby Price. Funeral at St. Luke's, Redcliffe Square, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, January 13, followed by private cremation. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 132 Preston Rd., London, W.10.

REISS.—On January 8th, suddenly, Elizabeth Gwenallan, wife of the late Denys Reiss, beloved mother of Anthony and the late Alec and Timothy, grandmother of Vivienne, Clare, and Joanna. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium, Thursday, January 12th, at 3.15 p.m. Flowers may be sent to ... and M. Heseltine & Son, Albert St., Banbury. Banbury 2139.

RICKARD.—On January 7th, 1978, peacefully, at home, Highfield, Winterborne Whitechurch, Blandford Dorset, Guy Moberly Mitford, the much loved husband of Dorothy Ernestine (Tina), dear brother of Joan. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Whitechurch, on Thursday, 12th January, 1 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers and inquiries to David R. Cherrett, 10 Market Place, Blandford, Dorset.

SAVOURS.—On 23rd December, Edgar Walter, C.Eng., M.I.C.E., M.T.P.I., aged 80, of 67 Longfield Road, Harpfields, Stoke-on-Trent, formerly of Rhoose and Pontygarth, beloved husband of Doris and dear father of Ann, Ruth and Elaine.

SEAMAN.—On January 6th, Philip, dearly loved and loving son of Elisabeth and Walter and dear brother of Debora.

SPIRO.—On January 7th, in Willesden Hospital, Isidore Spiro, F.R.C.S. Cremation Breaksspear Crematorium, Rotelin, Thursday, January 12, at 11.15 a.m.

URWIN.—On 6th January, peacefully, Evelyn Clifford Urwin, aged 94, former Secretary, Christian Citizenship Department, Methodist Church, beloved husband of Maud and dear father and grandfather. Cremation, Croydon Crematorium, Friday, 13th January, 4 p.m. Family flowers only. Tributes, if desired, to Christian Aid. Memorial service, Central Hall, Westminster, S.W.1. Thursday, 19th January, 12.30 p.m.

WHITELAW.—On Tuesday, 10th January, 1978, Winifred Whitelaw, M.B.E. of Budgate Cawdor, Nairnshire, widow of Alexander Whitelaw and much loved mother of William Whitelaw. Funeral service in Old Parish Church, Nairn, at 2 p.m. on Friday, 13th January, interment at Lickton Cemetery, Liberton Brae, Edinburgh at 11 am on Saturday, 14th January. Flowers only.

WILSON.—On 9th January, 1978, in hospital, Rhoda of 21 Topsfield Way, Bayfordbury, Herts. in her 94th year, last surviving child of Thomas and Jesse Wilson, late of Silvers Lodge, Hampstead. Funeral at St. John's Church, Harpenden, on Saturday, 14th January, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ASHDOWN.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Right Revd. Hugh Edward Ashdown will be held at St. Nicholas's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 12 noon on Saturday, 28th January, 1978, when his ashes will be interred.

BROWN.—A Memorial Service for William John Brown, M.C., Vice-President of The Law Society, who died on 4th December, 1977, will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London, E.C.2, on Thursday, 12th January, 1978, at 12 noon.

DAY.—A memorial service for Gp. Capt. H. M. A. Day O.B.E., D.S.O., C.B.E., D.F.C. (Wings) will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 14th January, at St. Clement Danes Church, Strand, W.C.2.

DOUGLAS.—A memorial service for Jean Douglas will be held at St. Mary The Virgin, Fonham, on Friday, 20th January, at 3.15 p.m.

TURNER.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth Turner, M.B.E., Principal Medical Social Worker of the former United Oxford Hospitals, will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 12 noon, Saturday, 28th January.

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